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Like most professional tennis players, Agassi began playing for money in his teens. Woods did the same with golf, winning his first major at 21, and Donovan signed a pro contract with German Bundesliga club Bayer Leverkusen the same year he received his driver's license.

All have matured into perfectly good athletes and human beings, despite their early entry into the working world. What's more, they were free to do so without spurring the kind of controversy and criticism that we see Maurice Clarett and Mike Williams experiencing these days because they had the gall to want to do the same thing—at an older age.

Agassi, Donovan and Woods knew that college wasn't for them, and they wanted to use the skills they'd spent their short lifetimes developing to make money.

How are Williams and Clarett any different?

They're different in one big way. They play a sport whose professional league, the NFL, has the benefit of a fully subsidized minor league called the NCAA to develop players. While Major League Baseball foots the bill for its player development through its clubs' extensive farm systems, NFL teams have Ohio State and LSU and Virginia Tech, etc., to provide foster care for their future commodities.

Of course, the NCAA's a willing intermediary here, because it keeps the revenues that Clarett and Williams could be earning for themselves through sales of NCAA-endorsed video games depicting their images and megabuck TV deals that use the excitement they generate on the field to sell product.

To require players to stay in school when they have no serious intent of living up the "student" half of student-athlete only takes away spots in a university for young people who want to be students in the best sense of the word.

What Clarett and Williams are doing is the honorable way to go. Instead of taking up space and scholarship money in a college setting, they want to enter the real world and begin their working lives.

Just like Agassi. Just like Woods. Just like Donovan.

Just like the guy who decides he doesn't want to go to college, but he'll get a certificate to be a plumber and begin earning a good living. So he becomes a plumber, a proud one.

Williams and Clarett want to be football players, not Ph.Ds. It's as simple as that.

Again, they're doing the honorable thing.

Now it's time for the NFL and the courts to do the same and recognize that we all have the right to enter the free-enterprise system.

After all, nobody ever stood in the way of a plumber turning pro.

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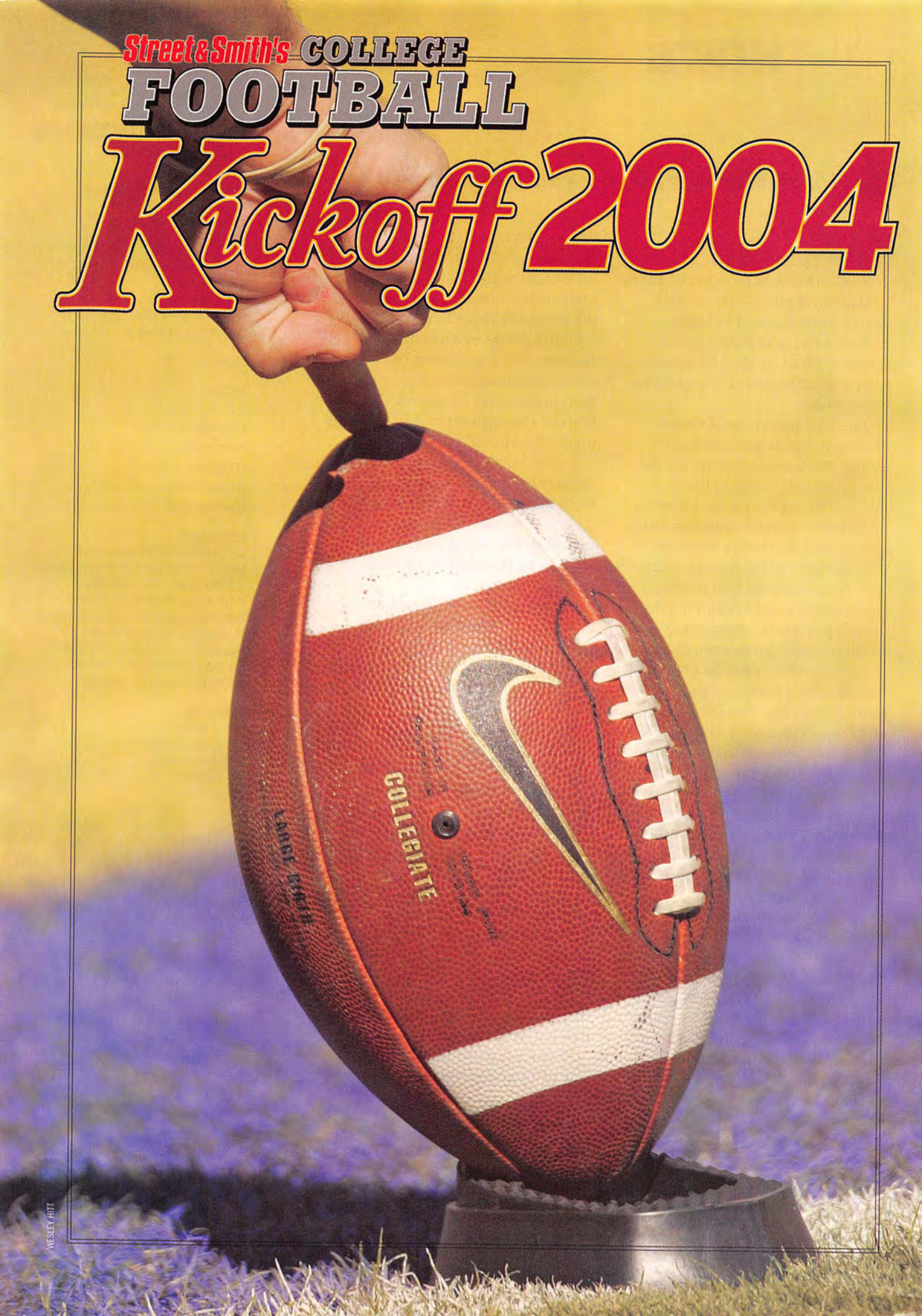

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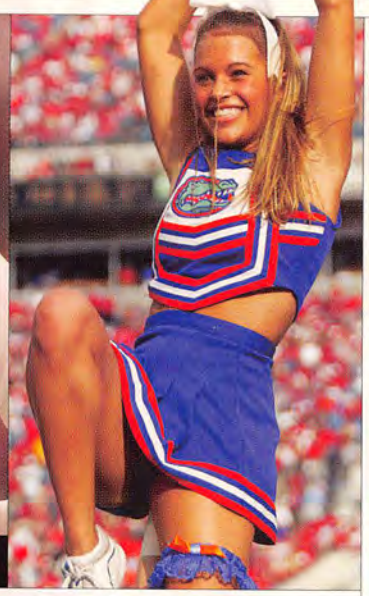

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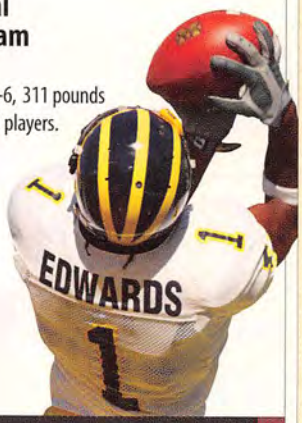

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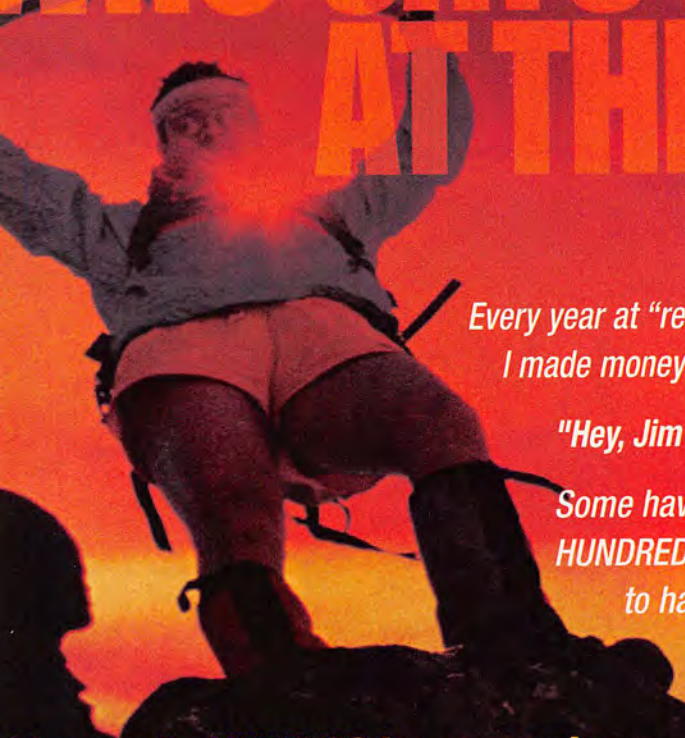

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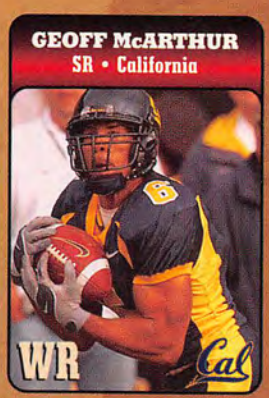

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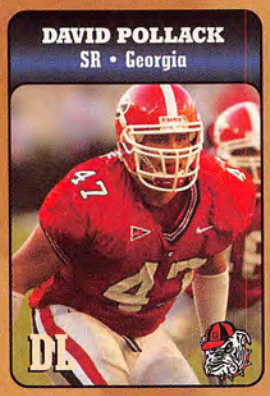

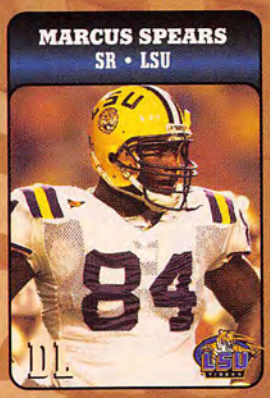

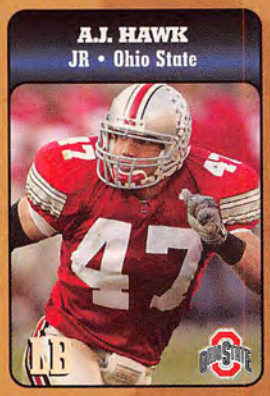

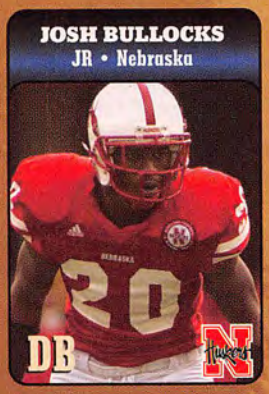

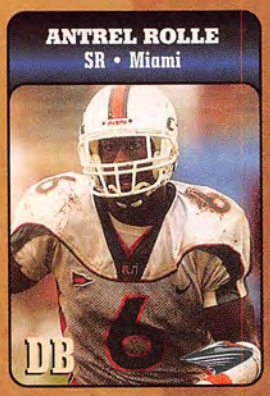

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SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB **Matt Leinart** JR USC
RB **Carnell Williams** SR Auburn
RB **Anthony Davis** SR Wisconsin
WR **Braylon Edwards** SR Michigan
WR **Craig Bragg** SR UCLA
OL **Andrew Whitworth** JR LSU
OL **Vince Carter** SR Oklahoma
OL **Rob Petitti** SR Pittsburgh
OL **Eric Winston** JR Miami
OL **Anthony Alabi** SR Texas Christian
TE **Heath Miller** JR Virginia
PK **Trey DiCarlo** JR Oklahoma
KR **Skyler Green** JR LSU

Defense

DL **Mike Patterson** SR USC
DL **Anttaj Hawthorne** SR Wisconsin
DL **Dusty Dvoracek** SR Oklahoma
DL **Eric Henderson** JR Georgia Tech
LB **DeMeco Ryans** JR Alabama
LB **James Kinney** JR Missouri
LB **Will Derting** JR Washington State
DB **Jim Leonhard** SR Wisconsin
DB **Brodney Pool** JR Oklahoma
DB **Dustin Fox** SR Ohio State
DB **Brandon Browner** SO Oregon State
P **Tom Malone** JR USC

THIRD TEAM

Offense

QB **Aaron Rodgers** JR California
RB **Walter Reyes** SR Syracuse
RB **Darren Sproles** SR Kansas State
WR **Lance Moore** SR Toledo
WR **Taylor Stubblefield** SR Purdue
OL **David Baas** SR Michigan
OL **Max Jean-Gilles** JR Georgia
OL **Mike Degory** JR Florida
OL **Greg Eslinger** JR Minnesota
OL **Chris Myers** SR Miami
TE **Troy Bienemann** JR Washington State
PK **Mike Nugent** SR Ohio State
KR **Steve Suter** SR Maryland

Defense

DL **Justin Tuck** SR Notre Dame
DL **Mathias Kiwanuka** JR Boston College
DL **Dan Cody** SR Oklahoma
DL **Bill Swancutt** SR Oregon State
LB **Leroy Hill** SR Clemson
LB **Abdul Hodge** JR Iowa
LB **Rian Wallace** JR Temple
DB **Darrent Williams** SR Oklahoma State
DB **James Butler** SR Georgia Tech
DB **Mitch Meeuwsen** SR Oregon State
DB **Ernest Shazor** SR Michigan
P **Brandon Fields** JR Michigan State

HONORABLE MENTION

QUARTERBACKS
Kyle Orton SR Purdue
Charlie Whitehurst JR Clemson
Vincent Young SO Texas
Chris Leak SO Florida
Brad Smith JR Missouri
Kevin Kolb SO Houston
Brodie Croyle JR Alabama
Timmy Chang SR Hawaii
Darian Durant SR North Carolina
Reggie Ball SO Georgia Tech
Josh Fields SR Oklahoma State
Zack Mills SR Penn State
Walter Washington JR Temple
Bryan Randall SR Virginia Tech
David Greene SR Georgia
Joel Klatt JR Colorado
Paul Peterson SR Boston College
James Killian SR Tulsa
Charlie Frye SR Akron
Dan Orlovsky SR Connecticut
Bruce Gradkowski JR Toledo

RUNNING BACKS
P.J. Daniels JR Georgia Tech
Tramain Hall JR North Carolina State
Tim Castille SO Alabama
Jermelle Lewis SR Iowa
Patrick Cobbs SR North Texas
Justin Vincent SO LSU
DeAngelo Williams JR Memphis
Taurean Henderson JR Texas Tech
Manuel White SR UCLA
Robert Merrill SO Texas Christian
LenDale White SO USC
Mike Bell JR Arizona
Bobby Purify SR Colorado
Howard Jackson SR UTEP
Cedric Houston SR Tennessee
Vernand Morency JR Oklahoma State
Zach Tuiasosopo SR Washington
Laurence Maroney SO Minnesota
Chris Barclay JR Wake Forest
Chance Kretschmer SR Nevada
Clark Green JR Kansas
BenJarvus Green-Ellis SO Indiana
Courtney Lewis SO Texas A&M
E.B. Halsey JR Illinois
Brian Leonard JR Rutgers
Ryan Moats JR Louisiana Tech

WIDE RECEIVERS
Ryan Moore SO Miami
Nehemiah Glover SR Texas Tech
Reggie Harrell SR Texas Christian
Airese Currie SR Clemson
Chad Owens SR Hawaii
Jason Avant JR Michigan
Charles Gordon SO Kansas
Brandon Williams JR Wisconsin
Willie Idlette SO Wake Forest
Greg Jennings JR Western Michigan
Ed Hinkle JR Iowa
Rhema McKnight JR Notre Dame
Nate Curry SR Georgia Tech
Grant Adams SR Boston College
Jared Ellerson JR Minnesota
Martin Nance JR Miami (Ohio)
J.R. Russell SR Louisville
Courtney Roby SR Indiana

TIGHT ENDS
Brian Casey SR Kansas State
Aaron Halterman SR Indiana
Joe Klopfenstein JR Colorado
Tim Day JR Oregon
Billy Bajema SR Oklahoma State
Bo Scaife SR Texas

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Richie Incognito JR Nebraska
Ray Willis JR Florida State
Jason Brown SR North Carolina
Dan Buenning SR Wisconsin
Adam Snyder SR Oregon
Jonathan Scott JR Texas
Nick Mangold JR Ohio State
Evan Mathis SR Alabama
Rian Melander SR Minnesota
Daniel Loper SR Texas Tech
Pete McMahon SR Iowa
Grayling Love JR Arizona State
Andrew Brewster SR North Texas
Cedric Johnson SR Clemson
Bucky Babcock SR Illinois
Eyoseph Efseaff SR UCLA
Donovan Raiola JR Wisconsin
Kanan Sanchez SR Oregon State
Jeremy Trueblood JR Boston College
Leroy Harris SO North Carolina State
Dan Mozes SO West Virginia
Chris Jahnke SR Indiana
Zach Strief JR Northwestern
Chase Johnson SR Texas Christian
Matt Maddox JR Illinois
E.J. Whitley JR Texas Tech
Doug Nienhuis SR Oregon State
Steve Vallos SO Wake Forest
Isaac Sowells JR Indiana
Mark Setterstrom JR Minnesota
Sam Mayes SR Oklahoma State
Michael Munoz SR Tennessee
Calvin Armstrong SR Washington State
Mike Johnson SR Kansas State
Todd Londot JR Miami (Ohio)
Tim Brown SR West Virginia
Geoff Hangartner SR Texas A&M
Harvey Dahl SR Nevada
Ryan Krug SR Connecticut
Keoki Fraser SR Arizona
Dartagnon Shack JR Fresno State
Nick Kazcur SR Toledo
Scott Mruczkowski SR Bowling Green
Adam Terry SR Syracuse
Samson Satele SO Hawaii
Jake VerStraete SR Northern Illinois
Jon Dunn SR Virginia Tech
Elton Brown SR Virginia

PLACEKICKERS
Nick Novak SR Maryland
Ben Jones JR Purdue
Ryan Killeen SR USC
Jon Peattie SO Miami
Adam Finley SR Michigan
Conner Hughes JR Virginia
David Rayner SR Michigan State
Joe Rheem SR Kansas State

JOE ROBBINS

Kyle Orton, *QB, Purdue*

Brett Visintainer SR Fresno State
Rhys Lloyd SR Minnesota
Matt Leach SR Florida
Robbie Gould SR Penn State

KICK RETURNERS
Jeremy Bloom JR Colorado
Roscoe Parrish JR Miami
Reggie Bush SO USC
Willie Andrews JR Baylor
Steve Breaston SO Michigan
Charles Frederick SR Washington
Terrell Allen SO Pittsburgh
Marvin Young SR Southern Miss

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Rodrique Wright JR Texas
Clifford Dukes SR Michigan State
Jonathan Jackson SR Oklahoma
Simon Fraser SR Ohio State
Lorenzo Alexander SR California
Vincent Burns SR Kentucky
Jason Berryman SO Iowa State
Mario Williams SO North Carolina State
Adell Duckett SR Texas Tech
Jonathan Babineaux SR Iowa
C.J. Mosley JR Missouri
Garrett McIntyre JR Fresno State
Adrian Awasom SR North Texas
Travis Parker JR Georgia Tech
Marques Harris SR Colorado
Mike O'Brien SR Illinois
Julius Roberts SR Boise State
Mansfield Wrotto SO Georgia Tech
Darrell Reid SR Minnesota
Devan Long JR Oregon
Jodie Clemons SR Indiana
Loren Howard JR Northwestern
Jamus Martin SR Marshall
Jovan Haye JR Vanderbilt
Trent Cole SR Cincinnati
Brian Morris SR Fresno State
Jason Hardee SR West Virginia

LINEBACKERS
Justin London JR UCLA
Channing Crowder SO Florida
Chad Greenway JR Iowa
Cornelius Wortham SR Alabama
Barrett Ruud SR Nebraska
Lionel Turner SR LSU
Lofa Tatupu JR USC
Pat Thomas SR North Carolina State
Spencer Havner JR UCLA
Paul Duren JR Oklahoma State
Odell Thurman JR Georgia
Lawrence Reid SR Michigan
Brian Bennett SO Pittsburgh
Brock Stratton SO Texas Tech
Tim McGarigle JR Northwestern
Kevin Burnett SR Tennessee
Michael Boley SR Southern Miss
Terrance Campbell JR Minnesota
Brandon Brown SR Iowa State
Troy Bennett SR Temple
Mike Goolsby SR Notre Dame
Justin Crooks SR Baylor
Robert Rodriguez SR UTEP
John Saldi JR Texas Tech
Matt Sinclair SR Illinois
Nick Bunting SO Tulsa
Kevin Simon JR Tennessee
Brian Atkinson SR Northern Illinois
Nick Reid JR Kansas
Alfred Fincher SR Connecticut
Andy Avalos SR Boise State
Zac Woodfin SR Alabama-Birmingham
Terna Nande JR Miami (Ohio)
Byron Santiago SR Louisiana Tech

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Maurice Lane JR Baylor
Muhammad Abdullah JR Kentucky
Mark Walker SR Texas Christian
Eric King SR Wake Forest
Jason Harmon SR Michigan State
Justin Miller JR Clemson
Antwan Allen JR Iowa
Jaxson Appel JR Texas A&M
Thomas Davis JR Georgia
Marlin Jackson SR Michigan
J.J. Billingsley JR Colorado
Donte Nicholson SR Oklahoma
Andre Maddox SR North Carolina State
Sean Considine SR Iowa
Herna-Daze Jones SR Indiana
Ellis Hobbs SR Iowa State
Darnell Bing SO USC
Charlie Peprah JR Alabama
Ben Emanuel JR UCLA
Marvin Godbolt SR Texas Christian
LaRon Landry SO LSU
Jamaal Fudge JR Clemson
Derrick Johnson SR Washington
Adam Jones JR West Virginia
Cedric Williams SR Kansas State
Tez Morris JR Pittsburgh
Jovon Johnson JR Iowa
Jarrad Page JR UCLA
Jason Leach SR USC
Will Blackmon JR Boston College
Travis Williams SR Illinois
Byron Jones SR Texas A&M
Oshiomogho Atogwe SR Stanford
Diamon Ferri SR Syracuse
James Sanders JR Fresno State
Riccardo Stewart SR Arizona State
Jarvis Johnson SR Rutgers
Scott Starks SR Wisconsin
T.J. Stancil JR Boston College
Gabe Franklin JR Boise State
Justin Perkins SR Connecticut
Kedrick Alexander JR Tulsa

PUNTERS

Kyle Basler JR Washington State
Ryan Packemeier JR Wake Forest
Steve Weatherford SR Illinois
Vinnie Burns SR Virginia Tech
Chris Kluwe SR UCLA
Eric Wilber SO Florida
Cole Farden SR Oklahoma State
Brian Huffman SR Northwestern
Cody Ridgeway SR Mississippi
David Bradley SR Iowa
Brendan Carney SO Syracuse
Jared Scruggs SO Rice
Daniel Sepulveda SO Baylor
Ryan Dougherty SO East Carolina

SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATES

HEISMAN TROPHY/WALTER CAMP/MAXWELL TROPHY

Jason White SR Oklahoma
Matt Leinart JR USC
Darren Sproles SR Kansas State
Cedric Benson SR Texas
Aaron Rodgers JR California
Walter Reyes SR Syracuse
Carnell Williams SR Auburn
P.J. Daniels JR Georgia Tech
Tramain Hall JR North Carolina State
Tim Castille SO Alabama
Jermelle Lewis SR Iowa
Kyle Orton SR Purdue
Charlie Whitehurst JR Clemson
Vincent Young SO Texas
Chris Leak SO Florida
Brad Smith JR Missouri
Patrick Cobbs SR North Texas
Justin Vincent SO LSU
DeAngelo Williams JR Memphis

OUTLAND TROPHY/ LOMBARDI AWARD

(Outstanding Lineman)

Alex Barron SR Florida State
Jammal Brown SR Oklahoma
Wesley Britt SR Alabama
Matt Roth SR Iowa
Shaun Cody SR USC
Ben Wilkerson SR LSU
A.J. Hawk JR Ohio State
Matt Grootegood SR USC
C.J. Brooks SR Maryland
David Pollack SR Georgia
Marcus Spears SR LSU
Derrick Johnson SR Texas
Andrew Whitworth JR LSU
Vince Carter SR Oklahoma
James Kinney JR Missouri
Will Derting JR Washington State
Mike Patterson SR USC
Dusty Dvoracek SR Oklahoma
Eric Henderson JR Georgia Tech
Jon Dunn JR Virginia Tech
DeMeco Ryans JR Alabama
Rob Petitti SR Pittsburgh
Anttaj Hawthorne SR Wisconsin
Eric Winston JR Miami
Anthony Alabi SR Texas Christian
Richie Incognito JR Nebraska
Ray Willis JR Florida State
Rodrique Wright JR Texas
Clifford Dukes SR Michigan State
Jonathan Jackson SR Oklahoma
Chad Greenway JR Iowa
Jason Brown SR North Carolina
Dan Buenning SR Wisconsin
Adam Snyder SR Oregon
Jonathan Scott JR Texas
Simon Fraser SR Ohio State
Justin London JR UCLA
Channing Crowder SO Florida
Lorenzo Alexander SR California

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

(Outstanding Quarterback)

Jason White SR Oklahoma
Matt Leinart JR USC
Aaron Rodgers JR California
Kyle Orton SR Purdue
Charlie Whitehurst JR Clemson
Vincent Young SO Texas
Chris Leak SO Florida
Brad Smith JR Missouri
Kevin Kolb SO Houston
Brodie Croyle JR Alabama
Timmy Chang SR Hawaii

DOAK WALKER AWARD

(Outstanding Running Back)

Darren Sproles SR Kansas State
Cedric Benson SR Texas
Carnell Williams SR Auburn
Marion Barber III JR Minnesota
Walter Reyes SR Syracuse
Anthony Davis SR Wisconsin
P.J. Daniels JR Georgia Tech
Tramain Hall JR North Carolina State
Tim Castille SO Alabama
Jermelle Lewis SR Iowa
Patrick Cobbs SR North Texas
Justin Vincent SO LSU
DeAngelo Williams JR Memphis
Taurean Henderson JR Texas Tech
Manuel White SR UCLA

BILETNIKOFF AWARD

(Outstanding Receiver)

Geoff McArthur SR California
Mark Clayton SR Oklahoma
Braylon Edwards SR Michigan
Craig Bragg SR UCLA
Lance Moore SR Toledo
Taylor Stubblefield SR Purdue
Ryan Moore SO Miami
Nehemiah Glover SR Texas Tech
Reggie Harrell SR Texas Christian
Airese Currie SR Clemson
Chad Owens SR Hawaii
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Charles Gordon SO Kansas
Brandon Williams JR Wisconsin

BEDNARIK AWARD/ NAGURSKI AWARD

(Outstanding Defensive Player)

Derrick Johnson SR Texas
A.J. Hawk JR Ohio State
Shaun Cody SR USC
James Kinney JR Missouri
Matt Roth SR Iowa
David Pollack SR Georgia
Josh Bullocks JR Nebraska
DeMeco Ryans JR Alabama
Will Derting JR Washington State
Marcus Spears SR LSU
Matt Grootegood SR USC
Antrel Rolle SR Miami
Corey Webster SR LSU
Donnie McCleskey JR California
Dusty Dvoracek SR Oklahoma
Eric Henderson JR Georgia Tech
Mike Patterson SR USC
Jim Leonhard SR Wisconsin
Brodney Pool JR Oklahoma
Anttaj Hawthorne SR Wisconsin
Dustin Fox SR Ohio State
Brandon Browner SO Oregon State

BUTKUS AWARD

(Outstanding Linebacker)

Derrick Johnson SR Texas
A.J. Hawk JR Ohio State
Matt Grootegoed SR USC
DeMeco Ryans JR Alabama
James Kinney JR Missouri
Will Derting JR Washington State
Leroy Hill SR Clemson
Abdul Hodge JR Iowa
Rian Wallace JR Temple
Justin London JR UCLA
Channing Crowder SO Florida
Chad Greenway JR Iowa
Cornelius Wortham SR Alabama
Barrett Ruud SR Nebraska
Lionel Turner SR LSU
Lofa Tatupu JR USC
Pat Thomas SR North Carolina State

THORPE AWARD

(Outstanding Defensive Back)

Josh Bullocks JR Nebraska
Antrel Rolle SR Miami
Corey Webster SR LSU
Donnie McCleskey JR California
Jim Leonhard SR Wisconsin
Brodney Pool JR Oklahoma
Dustin Fox SR Ohio State
Brandon Browner SO Oregon State
Darrent Williams SR Oklahoma State
James Butler SR Georgia Tech
Mitch Meeuwsen SR Oregon State
Ernest Shazor SR Michigan
Maurice Lane JR Baylor
Muhammad Abdullah JR Kentucky
Mark Walker SR Texas Christian
Eric King SR Wake Forest
Jason Harmon SR Michigan State
Justin Miller JR Clemson
Antwan Allen JR Iowa
Jaxson Appel JR Texas A&M
Thomas Davis JR Georgia
Marlin Jackson SR Michigan
J.J. Billingsley JR Colorado
Donte Nicholson SR Oklahoma
Andre Maddox SR North Carolina State

LOU GROZA AWARD

(Outstanding Placekicker)

Jonathan Nichols SR Mississippi
Trey DiCarlo JR Oklahoma
Mike Nugent SR Ohio State
Nick Novak SR Maryland
Ben Jones JR Purdue
Ryan Killeen SR USC
Jon Peattie SO Miami
Adam Finley SR Michigan
Conner Hughes JR Virginia
David Rayner SR Michigan State

RAY GUY AWARD

(Outstanding Punter)

Dustin Colquitt SR Tennessee
Tom Malone JR USC
Brandon Fields JR Michigan State
Kyle Basler JR Washington State
Ryan Packemeier JR Wake Forest
Steve Weatherford SR Illinois
Vinnie Burns SR Virginia Tech
Chris Kluwe SR UCLA
Eric Wilber SO Florida

** LBs lining up within 5 yards of ball also eligible for Lombardi Award*

NATIONAL PREVIEW 04

Street & Smith's Preseason Top 25

1. **Southern Cal** Trojans
2. **Georgia** Bulldogs
3. **Oklahoma** Sooners
4. **LSU** Tigers
5. **Florida State** Seminoles
6. **Texas** Longhorns
7. **Miami** Hurricanes
8. **Michigan** Wolverines
9. **Florida** Gators
10. **Tennessee** Volunteers
11. **Iowa** Hawkeyes
12. **Ohio State** Buckeyes
13. **Auburn** Tigers
14. **Virginia** Cavaliers
15. **West Virginia** Mountaineers
16. **Clemson** Tigers
17. **California** Golden Bears
18. **Maryland** Terrapins
19. **Missouri** Tigers
20. **Wisconsin** Badgers
21. **Utah** Utes
22. **Kansas State** Wildcats
23. **Purdue** Boilermakers
24. **Memphis** Tigers
25. **Minnesota** Golden Gophers
    Toledo Rockets (tie)

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BCS system gets 're-tweaked,' but there's no playoff in sight

By Scott Rabalais
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

The teams each took a side. The weather was crisp and inviting. A beautifully manicured swath of green grass stretched out between them.

For the nation's No. 1 football fan, it sure was tempting to flip a coin and let LSU and Southern California go at it.

"There was quite a lot of discussion about who was really No. 1," President Bush said last March at the White House. He paused for effect and added, "My attitude is, the South Lawn is a pretty good size."

The remark drew predictable applause. Just as predictably, and unfortunately, the president then added, "Never mind."

It would be as close as the Tigers and Trojans would get to deciding what may go down as the most contentious co-national championship ever. Not even an offer of $30 million in scholarship money for LSU and USC from Gateway computer mogul Ted Waitt could bring the teams together in a once-and-for-all showdown. Not on the South Lawn or in the Superdome or the Rose Bowl, not anywhere.

There is major change on the way in terms of how the Bowl Championship Series standings are determined and which teams will play in those BCS bowls. But even so, nothing will eliminate the possibility of a repeat of last season's controversy, which found BCS No. 1 Oklahoma playing BCS No. 2 LSU in the Sugar Bowl (LSU won 21-14) while USC, No. 1 in the polls, beat Michigan 28-14 in the Rose Bowl.

This time, the BCS top two could be playing Jan. 4 in the FedEx Orange Bowl while a team atop one of the polls could be in the Sugar, Fiesta or Rose.

Says Capital One Bowl Executive Director Tom Mickle, who helped create the early BCS format when he worked for the ACC: "There is still an opportunity for controversy."

Ominous words. Especially for those who hoped last year's BCS multi-team pileup would lead to a playoff for NCAA Division I-A football.

"There is simply no sentiment for a playoff," says University of Oregon President David Frohnmayer, who chairs the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee. "It is opposed, and opposed strongly, by our presidents."

"It's been made clear that there will be no playoff and no one is interested in going back to an unstructured bowl system," Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen says. "Our options are confined to expand upon the current structure and how to do that in the best interests of the BCS."

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Instead of cutting and running from the current setup, college presidents decided to add on to the BCS house, making room for the big schools' country cousins.

In a midwinter meeting in Miami Beach, representatives of the BCS powers—Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, SEC, ACC, Pac-10 and eternal independent Notre Dame—voted to add a fifth BCS bowl to the championship rotation. The new bowl will likely be selected in early 2005, well before the next BCS contract goes into effect before the 2006 season.

The champions of the six conferences (and Notre Dame, if it qualifies) would still receive their automatic berths in the BCS bowls. The remaining four at-large spots will be determined through—surprise!—a complex formula using national rankings.

While it doesn't guarantee teams from non-BCS conferences access to the BCS bowls—which generated more than $110 million last year—it does greatly increase their potential to earn a bid.

"It's a significant improvement from where we are right now," says Tulane President Scott Cowen, leader of the Coalition for Athletics Reform, a.k.a. the schools who want a piece of the BCS pie.

The fifth bowl will likely be added to the current Orange, Rose, Fiesta, Sugar rotation, meaning the four-plus-one format bandied about last season wouldn't happen, Gateway's $30 million or not. As of now, the Rose Bowl would retain its Big Ten and Pac-10 tie-ins the years it doesn't have the BCS National Championship Game.

"We are envisioning a bowl of equal stature in terms of its command of television audiences and its desirability from a standpoint of teams," Frohnmayer says. "Whether that would come from the existing bowl system or the creation of a new bowl, that's something we can't determine at this point."

That uncertainty won't stop a stampede of non-BCS bowls from vying for that coveted fifth spot. The wide range of contenders includes the Capital One (Orlando), Mazda Gator (Jacksonville), SBC Cotton (Dallas), Chick-fil-A Peach (Atlanta), MasterCard Alamo (San Antonio), Pacific Life Holiday (San Diego) and EV1.net Houston bowls.

The Capital One, which has Florida weather, a nice stadium and the biggest payout among non-BCS bowls ($5.1 million), is considered the front-runner.

"This has been on every board agenda of every meeting we've had," Mickle says. "We're just excited to feel like we have a chance."

A play by the Cotton Bowl, once considered one of the "big four" bowls along with the Rose, Sugar and Orange, is likely contingent on whether it can get a proposed domed stadium it would share with the Dallas Cowboys.

"If we don't have a vote and a commitment to build a new stadium, then we will not be able to submit our proposal to the BCS," says Field Scovell, chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association Stadium Committee.

Meanwhile this season, expect a re-tweaked BCS system that is weighed more heavily toward the *Associated Press* media poll and the *USA Today*/ESPN coaches' poll. It still won't erase the possibility of a split title and two teams being invited to the White House, but would that really be the end of Western Civilization?

"All we know," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said before the Sugar Bowl, "is that when this game is over, somebody's going to win a trophy with a crystal football on top of it. And that trophy is going to say, 'national champions' on it.

"When you get right down to it, that's all that matters."

TOP 25

Familiar suspects remain at top, but Southern Cal won't be sharing any titles this time around

1. Southern Cal

Get the horses. It may take a stable full to keep these Trojans from winning the BCS battle. Sure, USC has an Achilles' heel in a denuded offensive line and (as of this writing) no Mike Williams. But Pete Carroll's program is in reload mode with talent on tap. The Trojans are better than everyone on their schedule.

2. Georgia

What's past is prologue. The Bulldogs are 24-4 the last two years, with an SEC title in hand. Now's their chance to go for the crystal trophy. Georgia returns 16 starters, and with former peewee-ball teammates David Greene throwing and David Pollack tackling, the Bulldogs could hit the big-time for the first time since the age of Herschel.

3. Oklahoma

The Sooners have enough coming back to be worthy of preseason No. 1—everything except their air of invincibility. OU was stripped of that by season-ending losses to Kansas State and LSU. Still, the Sooners can't be ignored, led by QB Jason White (the first returning Heisman winner in 13 seasons). A talented team with something to prove could be dangerous.

4. LSU

Don't expect the Tigers to be a shooting star. Coach Nick Saban is too driven and has recruited too well for that. Still, LSU must settle on a new quarterback to hand off to RB Justin Vincent and throw to WR Skyler Green. The defense—No. 1 in points and yards allowed in '03—will still be sticky with a top-notch pair of corners, Corey Webster and Travis Daniels.

5. Florida State

Is the Seminole stranglehold on the ACC about to end with Miami joining the league? The 'Canes have been to the 'Noles what OU is to Texas, and there's no getting around that Sept. 6 game. FSU has the guns, though QB Chris Rix is one erratic captain of an offense. The defense must mature in a hurry.

6. Texas

Cedric Benson is a great running back, Vince Young is growing at QB, and there's a new, get-tough defensive scheme brought in by Greg Robinson and Dick Tomey. But before anyone believes the Longhorns will win even a Big 12 championship, much less a national title, Texas has to show us something.

7. Miami

After losing six first-round NFL draft choices, it was pretty obvious the Hurricanes could have gone farther with better quarterbacking. That makes Brock Berlin the most scrutinized man in college football east of Mack Brown. Miami has surrounded Berlin with a wall of glittering talent again, and Brock is a year wiser. The ACC better be en garde.

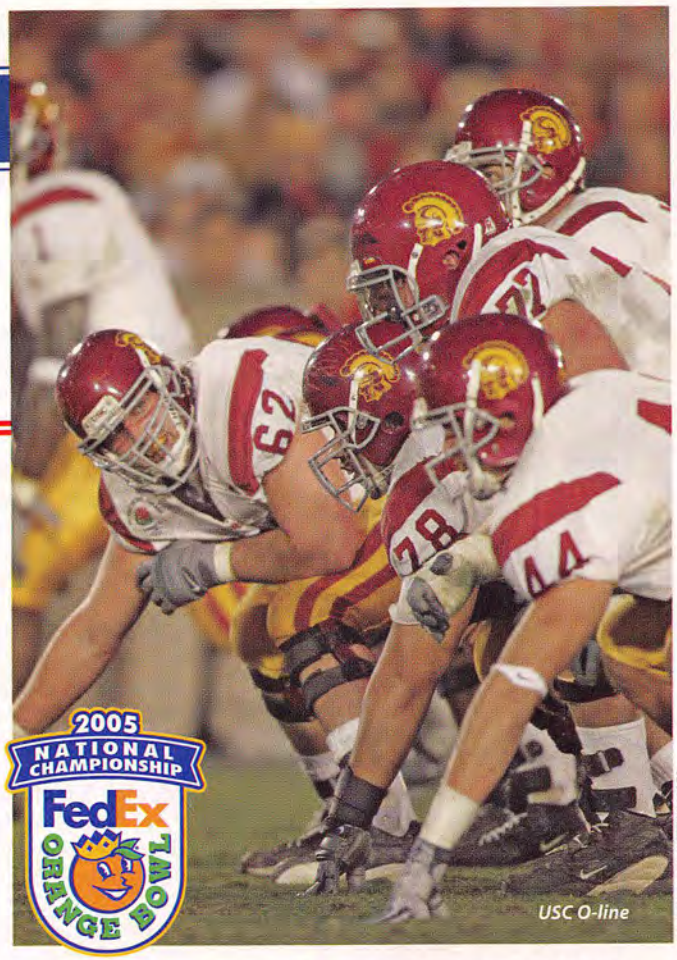
8. Michigan

We just assume the Wolverines will take the Big Ten lead again, but they must answer some questions first. Can Matt Gutierrez fill QB John Navarre's shoes? Someone has to fill in RB Chris Perry's yards—and can the defense firm-up fast? It'll help having a stellar receiving corps led by Braylon Edwards.

9. Florida

A 16-10 record the last two years has the Gator Nation grumbling. But the growling in Gainesville this year is a potentially explosive offense led by QB Chris Leak. A Fun 'N Gun-like fleet of wideouts led by Andre Caldwell could make it seem like the Steve Spurrier days again. But the offense may have to score plenty if the defense doesn't improve.

Top 25 capsules by Scott Rabalais



USC O-line

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10. Tennessee
The Volunteers don't return an All-SEC starter on either side—not good for a team in search of returning to Rocky Top. If Tennessee can find a QB to replace Casey Clausen—maybe little brother Rick or Chris Leak's brother C.J.—the Vols may be on to something.

11. Iowa
Coach Kirk Ferentz worked some magic to get 10 wins out of the Hawkeyes last year. He'll have to do it again as new QB Drew Tate, a sophomore, scrambles behind a revamped O-line. The defense, anchored around the LB duo of Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge, should help.

12. Ohio State
Fourteen players lost to the NFL Draft is a lot to overcome. But maybe the Buckeyes will enjoy addition by subtraction to finally not have the Maurice Clarett mess hanging over their helmets. Lydell Ross is the new hero at RB, but 25-2 the last two years is one tough act to follow for coach Jim Tressel. Still, don't click away from the OSU-Michigan game come November.

13. Auburn
Let's try this again. The Tigers tumbled in the face of big hype last year. They'll take another shot at driving to the top of the SEC West with RB Cadillac Williams and QB Jason Campbell. The defense must fill in for five of seven starters up front.

14. Virginia
Replacing veteran QB Matt Schaub is a scary prospect in the new-and-improved ACC, but the Cavaliers have grown beyond being a one-man band. A stiff defense will give new signal-caller Marques Hagans time to improve. Tight end Heath Miller is one of the best.

15. West Virginia
The Mountaineers are slowly building back to their national prominence of the late 1980s and early '90s under Don Nehlen. We should really see coach Rich Rodriguez take his offense out for a spin this season with rising stars like WR Chris Henry and RB Kay-Jay Harris.

16. Clemson
A Peach Bowl win over Tennessee has Clemson fans thinking big this fall. Quarterback Charlie Whitehurst is the focal point of the optimism, but shoring up both lines and navigating a murderous schedule are the priority points.

17. California
The Bears are hoping to parlay confidence from wins over USC and Virginia Tech during last year's 8-6 season into an even better 2004. Coach Jeff Tedford's pass-and-catch combo of QB Aaron Rodgers and WR Geoff McArthur is the envy of the Pac-10—and that includes the Trojans.

18. Maryland
Meet Joel Statham. He's the latest quarterback to take the reins of Ralph Friedgen's fertile offense, meaning he's the next Terrapin to throw for a zillion yards. Former QB Chris Kelley moved to safety to shore up the defense (which had a good spring), so Statham better be a quick study.

19. Missouri
There is certainly an opening in the Big 12 North for the Tigers to slip through and reach the league-title game. The defense is championship-caliber, but the O-line has to give gifted QB Brad Smith time to work his magic.

20. Wisconsin
The Badgers have some explaining to do—or at least a little atonement—for becoming pretty mediocre of late. But Wisconsin has a great chance at rebounding this year with RB Anthony Davis running behind what may be the best O-line in the Big Ten.

21. Utah
Remember when great teams came down from the Wasatch Range every fall? They still do, except now they're called the Utah Utes instead of the BYU Cougars. Quarterback Alex Smith and WRs Steve Savoy and Paris Warren lead a potent offense, and LB Tommy Hackenbruck paces a stout defense.

22. Kansas State
If the Wildcats make a run at defending their Big 12 title, it'll be as an underdog. With apologies to Cedric Benson, K-State's Darren Sproles is the best running back in the league. He'll have to be—the offense will only go as far as his cleats can carry it.

23. Purdue
Eight offensive starters return from a 9-4 team, including one of the nation's top pass-catch combinations in QB Kyle Orton and WR Taylor Stubblefield, both seniors. Orton completed 251 of 414 passes for 2,885 yards last year, with 86 catches going to Stubblefield. Junior running back Jerod Void offers balance after rushing for 951 yards and 13 TDs in 2003.

24. Memphis
Sixteen starters return from a 9-4 team that beat Eli Manning's Ole Miss Rebels on the way to a New Orleans Bowl bid. In a high-powered, balanced offense, RB DeAngelo Williams rushed for 1,430 yards, while QB Danny Wimprine threw for 3,174 and 22 TDs. Both are back for coach Tommy West's club, which enters the season as the favorite in Conference USA.

25.(tie) Minnesota
With Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa vulnerable, don't be shocked to see the Golden Gophers in the Rose Bowl come Jan. 1. Marion Barber and Laurence Maroney could be the nation's best one-two punch at running back, and the defense is maybe the Big Ten's best.

25.(tie) Toledo
With Ben Roethlisberger in the NFL, Rocket arm Bruce Gradkowski is now the MAC-daddy of talented mid-major quarterbacks with tongue-twisting names. He'll throw to WR Lance Moore, who led the nation with 103 receptions in 2003.

PLAYMAKERS

David Pollack, DL, Georgia

We hated the ESPN series, but we love these players, all of whom could have turned pro but decided to return in 2004. If only all reruns could be like this.

Cedric Benson, RB, Texas

That Mack Brown must be some sweet talker. Last year, stud wide receiver Roy Williams stuck around for his senior year in Austin. This year it's Benson, who rushed for 1,360 yards and 21 TDs as a junior and only looked faster and more powerful as the season wore on.

David Pollack, DL, Georgia

His numbers were a bit down from his sophomore season (102 tackles to 92, 14 sacks to seven), but that was mainly because Pollack had some nagging injuries and/or teams had the good sense to run away from or double team him. Make no mistake: this Bulldog will hunt quarterbacks and running backs again in 2004.

Antrel Rolle, CB, Miami

You would have thought the way he schooled all-everything wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald in the Hurricanes' win over Pittsburgh last year would have signaled Rolle's NFL coming-out party. But Rolle decided the South Beach scene was where he wanted to be for another year. He could get drafted by the Dolphins, but only if they go 3-13.

Marcus Spears, DE, LSU

When last we saw Marcus he was intercepting a Jason White pass and returning it for the game-winning touchdown in the Nokia Sugar Bowl. When you see him next April, it could be as a top-five NFL Draft pick.

Jason White, QB, Oklahoma

Not a top-flight NFL prospect despite his 2003 numbers (3,846 yards passing, 40 TDs, 10 INTs), but you have to admire White's courage in coming back for a rare sixth year after all the injuries he's had. His steady hand will make the Sooners a national-title contender again.

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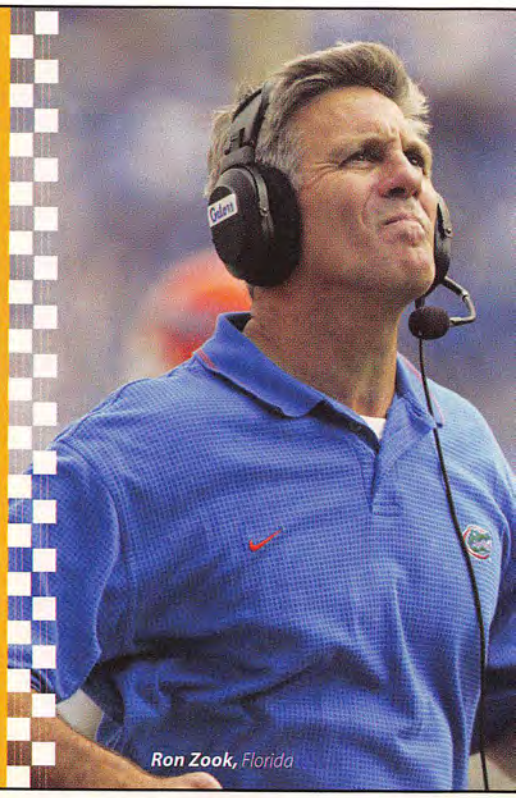
Don't **LOOK** now, *Steve Spurrier* might be gaining on you

No one knows if former Florida and Washington Redskins coach Steve Spurrier will give up full-time golf for a whistle and a playbook. But if he does, here are three coaches who could be hearing footsteps come November:

John Bunting, North Carolina: Tobacco Road has never been a hotbed for football. But even at basketball-mad UNC they expect better than Bunting's 13-24 record, as the Tar Heels have slid from 8-5 to 3-9 to 2-10 during his three seasons in charge. Remember, Spurrier even managed to win at a doormat-like Duke in 1989.

Karl Dorrell, UCLA: Dorrell made a refreshing announcement in February when he declined a one-year extension of his contract, saying he hadn't done enough to earn it by directing the Bruins to a 6-7 record in his first season. He may have taken the high moral ground, but taking UCLA to a mediocre tie for fifth in the Pac-10 won't promote job security, especially when bitter cross-town rival USC is back in the national-championship business.

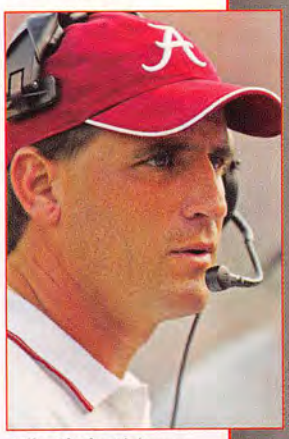
Ron Zook, Florida: A 16-10 record and two straight New Year's Day bowls might pass for success at a lot of schools. But it hasn't helped Zook win over Gator Nation, especially with ex-boss Spurrier now on the loose. It remains a long shot that Spurrier would return to Gainesville, but until he gets another job or says he's never coming back to Florida, Zook can't rest easy.



Ron Zook, Florida

THE TWO-MINUTE DRILL

The ACC became college football's biggest mover-and-shaker last season, pulling in Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College from the Big East and touching off a ripple effect of conference realignments. Miami and Virginia Tech will play in the league this year—the Hokies kick off the season Aug. 28 in Landover, Md., against USC—while Boston College joins in 2005. At that point the ACC will cell-divide into two divisions and get to play its long-awaited and lucrative ACC Championship Game. Division A (as it was initially called) will consist of Clemson, Florida State, Maryland, North Carolina State, Wake Forest and Boston College. Division B will include Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Virginia, Miami and Virginia Tech. By the way, Miami and FSU will have each other as permanent crossover opponents, while BC gets Virginia Tech.


NEIL BRAKE

Mike Shula, *Alabama*

• First, **Mike Shula** had the audacity to go 4-9 in his first season at Alabama, where a losing record is considered an affront to the memory of Bear Bryant. Then during spring practice, Shula decided to take Sylvester Croom's name off the team's spring Commitment to Excellence Award and rename it in honor of Hall-of-Fame quarterback Bart Starr. The award lived in obscurity for 16 years, but the move looked like bad form considering Shula beat out fellow Crimson Tide alum Croom for the Alabama job. Croom, who was subsequently hired by Mississippi State and became the first African-American football coach in SEC history, said he was hurt by the change. Shula, who said he initially didn't want an award named after a coach from a rival SEC school, reversed himself in April. He put Croom's name back on the award and called to apologize. Croom said Shula's decision closed the book on the matter for him. Shula's Tide and Croom's Bulldogs meet Nov. 6 in Tuscaloosa.

• Coaches hated it, athletic directors and college football junkies loved it. Either way, this season we're back to the traditional 11-game college football schedule. In 2002 and 2003, teams were allowed to schedule 12 regular-season games because there was an extra available playing date according to the NCAA calendar. The next 12-game seasons will be in 2008, 2013, 2014 and 2019.

• Marshall University became the first school in the country to have a stadium named after a woman when it recently renamed its facility Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Edwards has donated more than $50 million to Marshall over the past decade, including checks to cover the school's $400,000 exit fee from the Mid-American Conference and its $1 million entrance fee to Conference USA. "Somebody said, 'How come a lady? That's a man's game, football,'" Edwards says. "Well, boys' toys. Now we've got girls' toys."

(V) VIDEO GAME REVIEW

EA Sports' *NCAA Football 2005* offers video junkies more stadium atmosphere

EA Sports is taking video-game football to the next level with its new version of *NCAA Football* that will hit stores this summer.

With 21 new features, many of them dealing with fan and stadium atmosphere, *NCAA Football 2005* will truly make the home-field advantage that is so much a part of college football come to life on the other end of the controller.

Game players will be able to feel the rumble of a hostile stadium as fans get louder through controller vibration and shaking cameras. A new "Match-Up Stick" will track the crowds' impact on each player and see if they have the composure to play under pressure. Conversely, a big play by the offense or defense can take the crowd out of the game.

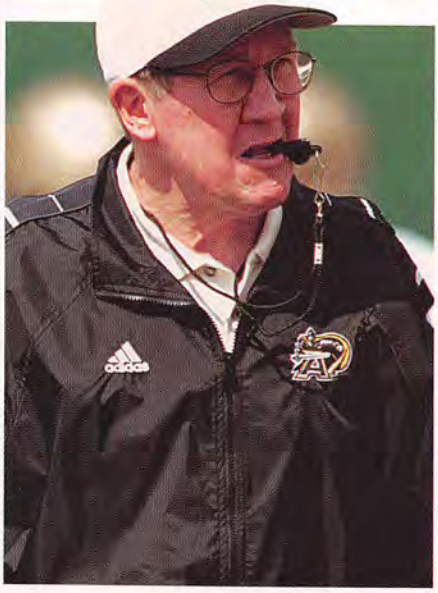
Playing at your favorite team's home field, you can build your own stadium atmosphere to compete with the most raucous crowds in the country by earning a spot in the "Top 25 Toughest Places to Play" with LSU's Death Valley, Michigan's Big House, Nebraska's "Sea of Red" or The Swamp at Florida.

A "deeper" Dynasty Mode allows you to "monitor discipline levels and grades to ensure your program's integrity" and challenges video-football addicts to "keep players happy with playing time or risk them transferring to one of your rivals in the offseason."

If you tire of all the off-the-field stuff, there's always the gridiron, where custom playbooks now include new defensive schemes such as the 4-2-5, 3-3-5 and 3-3 stack.

–Scott Smith

20 QUESTIONS FOR ... BOBBY ROSS



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At 67, Bobby Ross is preparing for his greatest coaching challenge—restoring pride to Army football.

He made Maryland a perennial power, won a share of a national championship at Georgia Tech and took the San Diego Chargers, of all teams, to a Super Bowl.

You can easily say Ross has achieved more than most lifelong coaches. You can also ask why he has chosen to re-enter the head-coaching ranks at a place where the losing streak stands at 15 games and the admission standards make the Notre Dame brass think it has been given a free pass.

After taking the Detroit Lions to the playoffs in two of his first three years there, he resigned abruptly in the middle of the 2000 season, leaving the media to speculate that he was suffering from coaching burnout. He didn't say so at the time, but he was actually suffering from blood clots in both legs, the kind that forced amputation of his father's legs years earlier, and did not believe he could overcome the condition under the stressful conditions and schedule of an NFL head coach.

During his three-year "retirement" in Lexington, Va., where he played football in the late 1950s at Virginia Military Institute, Ross says he "tired of honey-dos and walking the dog," and got the coaching bug back by intently following the University of Virginia football team, for which his son, Kevin, was an assistant coach. Kevin is now his offensive coordinator with the Cadets.

When former Nebraska coach Frank Solich turned down the Army job that Ross himself had first passed on earlier, his wife, Alice, convinced him that maybe West Point was the perfect final stop in a coaching career that now spans five decades. It's a program that currently sits at rock-bottom, with only one win to boast of in its last two seasons. There's nowhere to go but up.

Street & Smith's College Football *Editor* ***Scott Smith*** *caught up with Ross in the middle of his first spring at West Point, and here's the text of that interview:*

***S&S:* Why would you want to leave the comfort of your retirement in beautiful Lexington, Va., for this kind of challenge?**

ROSS: I really started to miss coaching about a year ago. I was going to a lot of games while my son was coaching at Virginia. The more games I went to, the more fire I got. Six or seven months ago, I asked my wife about looking into it. I figured that there probably wouldn't be much interest in me now because of my age. I talked to some people and didn't initially think West Point was looking for someone like me, someone who couldn't probably commit to staying 10, 15 years. They wanted Solich at first, and I thought he would have been a good hire because Nebraska runs the option and service academies relate to option football. Then (Army Director of Athletics) Rick Greenspan called with what I thought was going to be a turn-down, telling me that they had hired Solich. He asked me what my interest was, and I told him I wasn't interested. I had just come back from one interview at another school and hadn't felt comfortable at the interview. I didn't want to get strung along.

***S&S:* What changed your mind?**

ROSS: Rick called again and I told him I'd call him after the Navy game, but that I didn't think I'd be changing my mind. But I watched that game with my wife, Alice, and saw the players crying after the game and my emotions got into it. I went to a military high school, a military college, coached at The Citadel, have two sons who graduated from service academies and my son-in-law's in the Navy. Alice thought we'd be a perfect fit for Army because we understand the military. I finally began to feel the same way, because I really believe in it and what they do. I called Rick back and he asked me to come up and take a look. It's the only place I've ever interviewed where the school president (Lt. Gen. William Lennox, the West Point superintendent) personally showed me around. When you combine that with the fact that I was back feeling great physically and wanted to coach, the decision was made.

***S&S:* How does this job compare with other challenges you've had in coaching?**

ROSS: It's a big one. Every program has its problems, but I've never gone into a program that had the won-loss record (1-24) this one has had the last two years. Maybe San Diego was close to that when I took over the Chargers, but at Maryland and Georgia Tech I was fortunate to have followed two very successful coaches in Jerry Claiborne and Bill Curry. With this job, the losing streak is something that is very considerable.

***S&S:* How do you turn things around at a program that has won a single game in two years?**

ROSS: Sure, we're undersized, but I think we can be more competitive and I expect us to be more competitive. Being positive about things has a lot to do with it. I think preparation is the key. How do you win without confidence? Well, preparation leads to confidence. What we have to do in the offseason is emphasize preparation, which should build confidence.

***S&S:* How do you deal with an environment in which your players are pulled in so many different directions, and football is seemingly way down on the list of priorities?**

ROSS: There's no question our players have much on their plate, but I don't lessen the demands. You can make a mistake there. This is not just an outlet for them. It's not more important than academics or the military aspect, but it plays an equally prominent role. When they understand that, they find out that we're going to work. The same qualities that help them succeed militarily and academically will help them on the football field.

***S&S:* Is it a breath of fresh air to coach this kind of player, one who's an amateur in every sense of the word and is not geared toward a pro career?**

ROSS: They're all very smart, but they have the same issues as players at civilian schools. They have a full plate almost every day, and you have to be able to balance things for them. For example, we had 30 plebes (freshmen) miss a very important film session the other day because of

chemistry tutoring. The same thing happened a couple of days later with the same 30, this time with the physics curriculum. These were key and important film sessions to miss, but you have to make some concessions here.

***S&S:* Are the differences with coaching in the NFL extreme?**

ROSS: Believe it or not, there's not a big difference. You deal with agents in the pros and the instructors here. At the pro level, some of the time you get a bit turned off by the "me" aspect of game instead of the "we" aspect, but I really enjoyed my pro experience. The difference here is that the young men are eager all the time.

***S&S:* What have been the biggest surprises so far at Army for you?**

ROSS: We knew this was a school of great tradition, but unless you're up here you're not totally familiar with it. It's awe-inspiring, the sense of loyalty that the alumni have for the program. We show a film called "100 Years of Army Football," and each week the reaction is no different. You see that intense passion that each guy had for football. The other surprising thing is that our players in some respects are no different from kids in other programs. They'll miss a treatment for training room or be late for something, just like other players, but it's usually for a different reason, such as having to go to A.I. (Additional Instruction).

***S&S:* You're going back to the 1940s Army uniform design beginning this season. What was behind that decision?**

ROSS: Well, we were national champions in 1944 and 1945 with players like Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard. It's a good thing to get back to. We want to try to tie in to that tradition of winning and success any way we can.

***S&S:* When you consider what Fisher DeBerry has done for years at Air Force with the flexbone and what Paul Johnson did at Navy last season using the triple option, is it a given that to be successful at a military academy your offense has to be option-oriented?**

ROSS: It doesn't have to be option, but I think that's why they were originally interested in coach Solich from Nebraska. We will have option. I ran a lot of option at Georgia Tech, but I had a quarterback like Shawn Jones to do it with. But we also threw the ball with Shawn. We'll have a balanced attack, a pro-style attack. I believe that a team must be able to run the ball. It's just a philosophy of football that I've always had. It instills a toughness in your team. But in my opinion we need a 50-50 attack. We want to be able to keep our defense off the field, and we'd like to hold on to the ball for 33 minutes of clock time every game we play.

***S&S:* How do you get better players than what Army has been getting the last few years?**

ROSS: Well, I think the answer lies more in developing them. Coach (Todd) Berry, my predecessor, didn't have the facilities necessary to help develop players. Now, we have just opened as fine a weight facility as you'll see in the country. Now, we're not going to be able get the most outstanding players, but we may be able to hit on one or two. Those things happen. Once we get them, however, it's about development. We have a huge banquet room upstairs in this football complex, and I've put four wrestling mats up there across the width of a football field for our players to do agility drills on. Also, our effort is not automatic; you'd think we'd be better in that phase. We've got to understand what "full effort" means.

***S&S:* How do you go about recruiting at a place like Army, where there are so many restrictions placed on who you can go after?**

ROSS: You don't even start considering a guy here until he hits a certain college-board score. We must work from a large pool. That means going national. The admission process here is unbelievable. From academics to extracurricular activities to the physical tests, it's a never-ending process.

***S&S:* Since your last job was on the pro level, how frustrating has that been?**

ROSS: The frustration has been in learning the system. Once you learn it, you're OK, but it's a long process. We still have some kids in our incoming freshman class who are on the fence because they haven't qualified because of medical reasons, like a previous broken arm or limb. We have an Army officer in our office assigned exclusively to the admissions of our players. It's his job to get those files together.

***S&S:* What is a realistic expectation for Army football these days?**

ROSS: To be competitive. We need a 3-3-3 approach in scheduling—three teams we might be considered a little better than, three we're equal with and three who are a reach. Then you add Navy and Air Force to that. That's the approach we're going to take. I'm not afraid to play good teams. At Maryland, we played Penn State, Miami and West Virginia out of conference. We're going to have upcoming games here with Texas A&M, Boston College, Georgia Tech, Iowa State, Baylor, Rice. We want to play teams in every section of country, because we see ourselves as a national program and it helps us recruit nationally.

***S&S:* Two seasons ago, Air Force began the season 6-0 and was actually in the BCS hunt before losing at home to Notre Dame, 21-14, and dropping five of its last seven games. Is Fisher DeBerry's formula with the Falcons sort of the success model for academy football now?**

ROSS: I think they've shown that it can be done, with a little luck, just as Paul Johnson did at Navy last year. You could run the table here. You could sneak up and have that kind of year. A lot of it would depend on staying healthy.

***S&S:* You were Barry Sanders' coach in Detroit at the time of his abrupt retirement. He failed to respond to numerous phone calls and letters from you shortly after that, something he says he now regrets. When was the last time you spoke to him?**

ROSS: The last time was prior to his retirement (in 1999). I did see him shortly after I took this job when he was being inducted into the Hall of Fame. We didn't get a chance to speak to each other, though, because he was getting mobbed and so was I.

***S&S:* Do you think he'll ever come back?**

ROSS: Not now, I don't. He had that whole thing thought through. He had a plan and stuck with it.

***S&S:* Is he the best offensive player you ever coached?**

ROSS: Oh, yes. But, you know, Stan Humphries, my quarterback in San Diego, was another favorite of mine. He threw the best deep ball I've ever seen.

***S&S:* Who's the best defender you ever coached?**

ROSS: Junior Seau, no question.

***S&S:* Who are the favorite players you've coached on the college level?**

ROSS: Boomer Esiason at Maryland, Marco Coleman at Georgia Tech. I also had two pretty good ones at The Citadel—Stump Mitchell and Brian Ruff, a linebacker. Stump kept coming up to me as a freshman saying he ought to be playing. Pretty soon, I put him in the lineup and he averaged five yards a carry for his career, and, of course, he went on to have a pretty nice career in the NFL. S&S

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Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Airese Currie**, Clemson
Best hands: **Heath Miller**, TE, Virginia
Best passing QB: **Charlie Whitehurst**, Clemson
Best option QB: **Bryan Randall**, Virginia Tech
Most elusive RB: **Lorenzo Booker**, Florida State
Best instincts: **Steve Suter**, WR/KR, Maryland
Best athlete: **Ahmad Brooks**, LB, Virginia
Best under pressure: **Reggie Ball**, QB, Georgia Tech
Top NFL prospect: **Antrel Rolle**, CB, Miami
Top impact freshman: **Wesley Jefferson**, LB, Maryland
Hardest hitter: **Shawne Merriman**, LB/DE, Maryland
Biggest underachiever: **Brock Berlin**, QB, Miami

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Ralph Friedgen**, Maryland
Best recruiter: **Larry Coker**, Miami
Coach on the spot: **John Bunting**, North Carolina

Don't be surprised if ...

Miami demotes quarterback Brock Berlin, who threw more interceptions (17) than touchdown passes (12) last season. Redshirt freshman Kyle Wright could get the call if that happens.

One man's opinion

"The addition of Virginia Tech, and especially Miami, is going to be exciting. There's something to really play for here now. For our league to get two BCS bowls is a pretty straight bet."
—an ACC assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Miami
Yet another impressive haul for the Hurricanes.
2. Florida State
Quarterback Xavier Lee heads a star-studded class.
3. Maryland
The "Fridge" lands highest-rated class in school history.
4. North Carolina
Outstanding class includes DBs Trimane Goddard and Martel Thatch.
5. N.C. State
Eleventh-hour commitment of DeMario Pressley, perhaps the nation's top high school defensive tackle, enhanced an already-solid class.
6. Virginia
Solid class, but the Cavaliers missed late on several blue-chippers.
7. Virginia Tech
Hokies hit their home state hard, as usual, and loaded up at the skill positions.
8. Georgia Tech
Calvin Johnson continues the Jackets' tradition of tall, talented wideouts.
9. Clemson
The surge that saved Tommy Bowden's job came too late to sway coveted prospects.
10. Duke
Ted Roof's first class is 24 players strong.
11. Wake Forest
Demon Deacons didn't win many recruiting battles with other Division I-A teams.

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Long dominated by hoops, ACC now has visions of BCS bowls dancing in its head

By Jeff White
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Say hello to the new-look ACC. Virginia Tech and Miami came aboard July 1, giving the conference 11 members. The ACC will grow to an even dozen when another Big East school, Boston College, joins next summer. Expansion may not do much to help the ACC's power ratings in men's basketball, but football is another story.

In Miami and Virginia Tech, the ACC has added two schools at which football reigns. The Hurricanes have won five national championships and churn out NFL draft picks with mind-numbing regularity. The Hokies have advanced to a bowl each of the past 11 seasons, and before falling out last year they'd been ranked in 84 consecutive *Associated Press* polls.

Virginia Tech, which lost tailback Kevin Jones and cornerback/return specialist DeAngelo Hall early to the NFL, faces a rebuilding season, but Miami figures to challenge Florida State for ACC supremacy. The perennial powers meet Sept. 6 at the Orange Bowl. The 'Canes won eight Big East titles. Last season, Bobby Bowden's Seminoles captured the ACC championship for the 11th time in their 12 years in the league.

Games to watch

Virginia Tech vs. Southern Cal (at Landover, Md.), Aug. 28
The defending national champion Trojans aren't what the Hokies' beleaguered defense needs to see on opening day.

Florida State at Miami, Sept. 6
The kings of the ACC welcome 'Canes to the conference.

Clemson at Florida State, Sept. 25
Bobby's revenge on Tommy will be swift after last season's Bowden Bowl upset at Death Valley.

Clemson at Virginia, Oct. 7
Thursday night showdown between two of the ACC's more creative offenses.

Even before expansion, the conference's future looked promising in football. League teams went 5-1 in bowls last season, and the ACC is the only conference to have posted a winning bowl record in each of the past three campaigns. Also last season, ACC schools surpassed the three-million mark in total attendance at home football games for the first time.

When Boston College joins in 2005, the ACC will split its 12 football teams into two divisions, with the winners to meet in a championship game. This season, however, all 11 teams are grouped together.

Street & Smith's ALL-ACC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Darian Durant**, Sr., North Carolina
RB—**Chris Barclay**, Jr., Wake Forest
RB—**T.A. McLendon**, Jr., N.C. State
WR—**Tramain Hall**, Jr., N.C. State
WR—**Craphonso Thorpe**, Sr., Florida State
TE—**Heath Miller**, Jr., Virginia
OL—**Elton Brown**, Sr., Virginia
OL—**Chris Myers**, Sr., Miami
OL—**Eric Winston**, Jr., Miami
OL—**Alex Barron**, Sr., Florida State
OL—**C.J. Brooks**, Sr., Maryland
PK—**Connor Hughes**, Jr., Virginia

DEFENSE

DL—**Chris Canty**, Sr., Virginia
DL—**Eric Moore**, Sr., Florida State
DL—**Eric Henderson**, Jr., Georgia Tech
DL—**Orien Harris**, Jr., Miami
LB—**Leroy Hill**, Sr., Clemson
LB—**Ahmad Brooks**, So., Virginia
LB—**D'Qwell Jackson**, Jr., Maryland
DB—**Antrel Rolle**, Sr., Miami
DB—**Andre Maddox**, Sr., N.C. State
DB—**Eric King**, Sr., Wake Forest
DB—**James Butler**, Sr., Georgia Tech
P—**Ryan Plackemeier**, Jr., Wake Forest

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN
Ahmad Brooks, LB

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.6	@MIAMI (FL)	L	14-22
S.18	UAB		
S.25	Clemson	L	10-26
O.2	North Carolina	W	37-0
O.9	@SYRACUSE		
O.16	Virginia	W	19-14
O.23	@WAKE FOREST	W	48-24
O.30	@MARYLAND	W	35-10
N.6	Duke	W	56-7
N.11	@NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	50-44 (OT)
N.20	Florida	W	38-34

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/18

OFFENSE

QB	16	Chris Rix (6-4, 217, Sr.)
	19	Wyatt Sexton (6-3, 212, So.)
FB	35	B.J. Dean (5-11, 253, Jr.)
	36	James Coleman (6-0, 240, Jr.)
TB	3	Leon Washington (5-9, 199, Jr.)
	28	Lorenzo Booker (5-11, 192, So.)
LT	70	Alex Barron (6-6, 316, Sr.)
	75	Mario Henderson (6-7, 330, So.)
LG	64	Matt Meinrod (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	62	Cory Niblock (6-4, 296, So.)
C	63	David Castillo (6-2, 301, Jr.)
	67	John Frady (6-4, 280, So.)
RG	73	Bobby Meeks (6-3, 299, Sr.)
	72	Ron Lunford (6-5, 340, Jr.)
RT	77	Ray Willis (6-6, 314, Sr.)
	72	Ron Lunford (6-5, 340, Jr.)
TE	38	Paul Irons (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	14	Matt Henshaw (6-4, 218, Jr.)
SE	15	Chauncey Stovall (6-2, 216, Sr.)
	26	Willie Reid (5-10, 189, Jr.)
FLK	1	Craphonso Thorpe (6-2, 185, Sr.)
	21	Dominic Robinson (6-1, 205, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Chauncey Davis (6-2, 252, Sr.)
	92	Darrel Burston (6-2, 235, So.)
NT	52	Brodrick Bunkley (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	97	Clifton Dickson (6-4, 290, So.)
DT	99	Travis Johnson (6-5, 290, Sr.)
	59	Charles Howard (6-3, 265, Sr.)
DE	55	Eric Moore (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	95	Kamerion Wimbley (6-4, 232, Jr.)
SLB	56	Ray Piquion (6-0, 222, Sr.)
	34	Ernie Sims (6-0, 225, So.)
MLB	7	Buster Davis (5-11, 232, So.)
	44	Sam McGrew (6-3, 239, Jr.)
WLB	54	A.J. Nicholson (6-2, 234, Jr.)
	39	Marcello Church (6-1, 228, Jr.)
CB	8	Bryant McFadden (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	11	Gerard Ross (6-2, 197, Jr.)
CB	32	Leroy Smith (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	13	Antonio Cromartie (6-3, 205, So.)
FS	24	B.J. Ward (6-3, 208, Sr.)
	22	Pat Watkins (6-4, 210, Jr.)
SS	23	Jerome Carter (6-0, 214, Sr.)
	41	Kyler Hall (6-0, 190, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	47	Xavier Beitia (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	37	Chase Goggans (5-9, 160, So.)
P	48	Chris Hall (5-10, 215, Jr.)
	76	Myles Hodish (6-0, 211, Sr.)

1 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 7-1 ACC *(lost to Miami in the Orange Bowl, 16-14)*

Florida State

Tallahassee, Fla.

Official athletic Web site: www.seminoles.com

SEMINOLES

Seminoles will welcome rival 'Canes to ACC by winning their 12th title in 13 seasons

Bobby Bowden overtook Joe Paterno last season and became the all-time winningest coach in the history of major-college football. Bowden, who's in his 29th season at FSU, should remain No. 1 on that list, but staying atop the ACC may be more difficult, thanks to Miami's entry into the league. Now the stakes will be even higher in these bitter rivals' annual meeting. The Seminoles, who have won 11 ACC titles, open their 13th season in the league against the Hurricanes. Miami and FSU met twice last season, with the 'Canes winning both times, including a 16-14 squeaker in the Orange Bowl.

Unlike a season ago, FSU (10-3 overall, 7-1 ACC) has few questions to answer on offense. Nine regulars return, including Chris Rix, Bowden's first four-year starter at quarterback. Tailback Greg Jones is gone, but FSU still has serious talent at that position, with junior Leon Washington and sophomore Lorenzo Booker returning.

The Seminoles lost seven starters on defense, but they return four of their top six tacklers from 2003. Numerous FSU players had offseason surgery, but if they can get—and stay—healthy, this is a team that could contend for the national title.

"We've got a long way to go," Bowden says, "but we have real talent out there."

Rix's talent is undeniable, but inconsistency has kept the former ACC Rookie of the Year from being mentioned as one of the nation's elite quarterbacks. It's now or never for Rix, who has thrown 60 touchdown passes in his career, the fourth-highest total in ACC history. Rix has passed for 7,525 career yards, the second-highest total for an ACC quarterback entering his senior season.

This should be a typically explosive FSU offense. Returning starters include wideout Craphonso Thorpe and tackle Alex Barron, All-America candidates who were first-team All-ACC in 2003, and center David Castillo, who made the all-conference second team. Thorpe (51 catches for 994 yards and 11 TDs) broke his leg Nov. 15 against N.C. State but is expected to fully recover. Also back are fullback B.J. Dean, tight end Paul Irons, tackle Ray Willis and guards Bobby Meeks and Matt Meinrod. P.K. Sam's decision to leave early for the NFL cost the Seminoles a gifted wideout, but it also created opportunities for Chauncey Stovall, Dominic Robinson, Willie Reid and Chris Davis. At tailback, Washington and Booker averaged 5.3 yards per carry between them. Washington also excels at returning punts (11.8-yard average) and kickoffs (24.6).

On defense, only one of the Seminoles' starting front seven returns from 2003, but he's a good one. Senior end Eric Moore tied for fourth in the ACC with 7.5 sacks and made the all-conference second team. Still, FSU's offense will have to carry the team while the defense meshes. Coordinator Mickey Andrews must replace three first-team All-ACC performers: tackle Darnell Dockett, linebacker Michael Boulware and cornerback Stanford Samuels. Also gone are these standouts: end Kevin Emanuel, nose guard Jeff Womble and linebackers Kendyll Pope and Allen Augustin.

Look for 6-5, 290-pound senior Travis Johnson to take over at one tackle spot, and classmate Charles Howard can play any position on the line. The latest wave of linebackers, which includes sophomore Ernie Sims and junior A.J. Nicholson, has exceptional promise.

The secondary returns three senior starters: rover Jerome Carter, cornerback Bryant McFadden and free safety B.J. Ward. The leading candidate to start at the other corner spot is Leroy Smith, who tied for the team lead with three interceptions last season.

Bowden must find a new punter, but he has few concerns about his kicker. Senior Xavier Beitia has made 51 of 67 (76.1 percent) field-goal attempts in his career.

Craphonso Thorpe, *WR*

DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Doak Campbell Stadium **Capacity:** 82,300 **Turf:** Grass	**Bobby Bowden,** 29th Year **Record:** 269-67-4 **Career Record:** 342-99-4	**Mickey Andrews** (associate head coach/def. coordinator/secondary), **Jeff Bowden** (off. coordinator/WRs), **Billy Sexton** (assistant head coach/RBs), **Kevin Steele** (LBs), **Jody Allen** (DEs), **Daryl Dickey** (QBs), **Odell Haggins** (DTs), **Jimmy Heggins** (OL), **Jon Jost** (strength and conditioning), **John Lilly** (TEs/recruiting coordinator)

ACC

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 11-2 overall, 6-1 Big East *(beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl, 16-14)*

Miami

Coral Gables, Fla.

Official athletic Web site: www.hurricanesports.com

HURRICANES

Talent continues to abound in Coral Gables, as 'Canes continue march to next NFL Draft

No matter how many stars leave Coral Gables for the NFL—and Miami had a record six first-round choice in April's draft—the Hurricanes expect to contend for the national title each season. This year is no exception. Can the 'Canes do so? The potential is there, but fourth-year coach Larry Coker once again must replace a staggering amount of talent.

Five starters return on offense and four on defense, but gone are five players who made the All-Big East first team: tight end Kellen Winslow, defensive tackle Vince Wilfork, linebackers Jonathan Vilma and D.J. Williams and safety Sean Taylor. The Hurricanes (11-2, 6-1 Big East) also lost a pair of second-team all-conference picks in offensive guard Vernon Carey and safety Maurice Sikes.

So be it. Miami, which closed its third season under Coker by edging Florida State in the Orange Bowl, is one of only five Division I-A teams to have won at least 10 games each of the past three years. The 'Canes will be disappointed if they don't hit that mark again in 2004.

"We're excited and motivated about continuing to build on the traditions we represent and always striving to reach new heights," says Coker, whose record at Miami is 35-3.

Back are three players who made the All-Big East first team—junior offensive tackle Eric Winston (6-7, 310 pounds), senior cornerback Antrel Rolle and sophomore kicker Jon Peattie—along with second-team choice Chris Myers, a senior offensive guard who's also a capable center. Surrounding them is the usual collection of former high school All-Americans.

The Hurricanes, by their lofty standards, weren't especially explosive on offense in 2003. Their average of 27.8 points per game would have ranked seventh in the ACC. Had quarterback Brock Berlin been more consistent, that average would have been considerably higher. Berlin, who sat out the 2002 season after transferring from Florida, passed for 2,419 yards and 12 TDs in '03 but also threw 17 interceptions. He ranked seventh among Big East quarterbacks in passing efficiency. If Berlin's struggles continue this fall, Coker may turn to senior Derrick Crudup or redshirt freshman Kyle Wright.

Whoever the QB is, he'll have plenty of talented targets. Returning receivers include junior Roscoe Parrish and sophomores Darnell Jenkins, Devin Hester and Ryan Moore, a first-team Freshman All-American in 2003. Moore, who had 44 catches for 637 yards, was the first freshman to lead Miami in receiving yards since Reggie Wayne in 1997. Hester's average of 28.7 yards on kickoff returns ranked fourth in Division I-A.

The leading candidates to replace Winslow, a first-team All-American, are Kevin Everett, Buck Ortega and Greg Olsen, a transfer from Notre Dame. The first-team offensive line consists of returning starters Winston and Myers, who'll play guard, center Joel Rodriguez, tackle Rashad Butler and guard Tony Tella.

Quadtrine Hill, who started six games at fullback in 2003, moved to tailback in the offseason. He's competing for the starting job against sophomore Tyrone Moss and Frank Gore, a supremely gifted but oft-injured junior. Moss rushed for 511 yards on 107 carries last season.

Miami, which led the nation in passing defense in 2002 and '03, lost all of its first-team linebackers from last season and three-quarters of its starting secondary. Still, talent remains. Junior Orien Harris, a game-wrecking tackle, is back to anchor the line.

Sophomore Tavares Gooden and juniors Leon Williams and Roger McIntosh lead the new wave of Miami linebackers, and Rolle might be the nation's premier cornerback. Look for juniors Greg Threat and Kelly Jennings to move into starting roles at safety and cornerback, respectively.

Special teams should be a strength.

Brock Berlin, *QB*

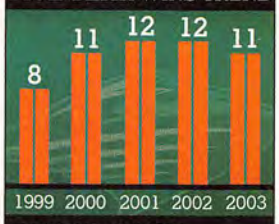
DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Orange Bowl **Capacity:** 72,319 **Turf:** Grass	**Larry Coker,** 4th Year **Record:** 35-3 **Career Record:** 35-3	**Randy Shannon** (def. coordinator), **Mario Cristobal** (TEs), **Vernon Hargreaves** (LBs), **Curtis Johnson** (receivers), **Art Kehoe** (assistant head coach/OL), **Greg Mark** (DL), **Don Soldinger** (special teams/RBs), **Tim Walton** (DBs), **Dan Werner** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Andreu Swasey** (strength and conditioning), **Jeff Merk** (director of football operations)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 6	Florida State	W	22-14
S. 18	Louisiana Tech	W	48-9
S. 23	@HOUSTON		
O. 2	@GEORGIA TECH		
O. 14	Louisville		
O. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
O. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA		
N. 6	Clemson		
N. 13	@VIRGINIA		
N. 20	Wake Forest		
D. 4	Virginia Tech	L	7-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/23

OFFENSE

QB	7	Brock Berlin (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	18	Derrick Crudup (6-1, 216, Sr.)
FB	41	Talib Humphrey (6-2, 250, Sr.)
	23	Quadtrine Hill (6-2, 221, Jr.)
TB	30	Tyrone Moss (5-10, 221, So.)
	23	Quadtrine Hill (6-2, 221, Jr.)
LT	74	Eric Winston (6-7, 310, Jr.)
	72	Andrew Bain (6-3, 334, So.)
LG	61	Tony Tella (6-5, 298, Jr.)
	71	Derrick Morse (6-5, 325, R-Fr.)
C	70	Joel Rodriguez (6-3, 284, Sr.)
	78	Anthony Wollschlager (6-6, 291, So.)
RG	77	Chris Myers (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	63	Alex Pou (6-4, 281, So.)
RT	64	Rashad Butler (6-5, 286, Jr.)
	73	Cyrim Wimbs (6-5, 325, R-Fr.)
TE	84	Kevin Everett (6-6, 251, Sr.)
	15	Buck Ortega (6-5, 224, Jr.)
FLK	1	Roscoe Parrish (5-9, 170, Jr.)
	8	Darnell Jenkins (5-10, 183, So.)
SE	85	Ryan Moore (6-3, 215, So.)
	4	Devin Hester (5-11, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	98	Baraka Atkins (6-4, 263, So.)
	96	Alton Wright (6-4, 240, Sr.)
LT	92	Orien Harris (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	54	Teraz McCray (6-0, 286, R-Fr.)
RT	56	Santonio Thomas (6-4, 308, Sr.)
	99	Kareem Brown (6-5, 301, So.)
RE	57	Javon Nanton (6-3, 240, Jr.)
	95	Bryan Pata (6-4, 267, So.)
SLB	50	Roger McIntosh (6-3, 237, Jr.)
	55	Glenn Cook (6-1, 222, R-Fr.)
MLB	44	Leon Williams (6-4, 237, Jr.)
	2	Jon Beason (6-1, 220, R-Fr.)
WLB	52	Tavares Gooden (6-1, 220, So.)
LCB	22	Kelly Jennings (6-0, 177, Jr.)
	20	Terrell Walden (6-0, 162, R-Fr.)
RCB	6	Antrel Rolle (6-1, 202, Sr.)
	29	Tanard Davis (6-0, 186, Sr.)
FS	19	Brandon Meriweather (6-1, 184, So.)
	24	Marcus Maxey (6-3, 198, Jr.)
SS	5	Greg Threat (6-2, 193, Jr.)
	28	Willie Cooper (6-1, 201, R-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	Jon Peattie (6-3, 207, So.)
	33	Mark Gent (6-1, 207, Jr.)
P	39	Brian Monroe (6-2, 201, So.)
	13	Jon Peattie (6-3, 207, So.)

ACC

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@TEMPLE		
S.11	North Carolina	W	38-13
S.18	Akron		
S.25	Syracuse		
O.7	Clemson	L	27-30 (OT)
O.16	@FLORIDA STATE	L	14-19
O.23	@DUKE	W	27-0
N.6	Maryland	L	17-27
N.13	Miami (FL)		
N.20	@GEORGIA TECH	W	29-17
N.27	@VIRGINIA TECH	W	35-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/16

OFFENSE

QB	18	Marques Hagans (5-10, 211, Jr.)
	11	Christian Olsen (6-3, 226, So.)
FB	38	Jason Snelling (5-11, 245, So.)
	32	Brandon Isaiah (6-0, 228, Sr.)
TB	33	Wali Lundy (5-10, 214, Jr.)
	21	Alvin Pearman (5-9, 204, Sr.)
LT	66	D'Brickashaw Ferguson (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	72	Eddie Pinigis (6-7, 290, Fr.)
LG	77	Ian-Yates Cunningham (6-3, 296, So.)
	78	Marshal Ausberry (6-5, 324, Fr.)
C	75	Zac Yarbrough (6-4, 276, Sr.)
	79	Gordie Sammis (6-4, 296, So.)
RG	61	Elton Brown (6-6, 338, Sr.)
	64	Ron Darden (6-4, 327, So.)
RT	69	Brad Butler (6-8, 296, Jr.)
	62	Brian Barthelmes (6-6, 288, Jr.)
TE	89	Heath Miller (6-5, 255, Jr.)
	87	Patrick Estes (6-7, 280, Sr.)
WR	80	Michael McGrew (6-2, 201, Sr.)
	82	Deyon Williams (6-3, 188, So.)
WR	83	Ottowa Anderson (6-0, 201, Sr.)
	84	Fontel Mines (6-4, 222, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Brennan Schmidt (6-3, 269, Jr.)
	98	Kwakou Robinson (6-4, 327, Jr.)
DT	60	Andrew Hoffman (6-4, 284, Sr.)
	54	Melvin Massey (6-1, 267, Jr.)
DE	95	Chris Canty (6-7, 290, Sr.)
	99	Chris Johnson (6-3, 275, Fr.)
OLB	45	Dennis Haley (6-1, 247, Sr.)
	57	Jermaine Dias (6-1, 231, Fr.)
ILB	44	Kai Parham (6-3, 247, So.)
	53	Rich Bedesem (6-2, 234, Sr.)
ILB	34	Ahmad Brooks (6-4, 249, So.)
	59	Bryan White (6-1, 241, Sr.)
OLB	56	Darryl Blackstock (6-4, 230, Jr.)
	55	Vince Redd (6-6, 265, Fr.)
CB	3	Marcus Hamilton (5-11, 191, So.)
	26	Shannon Lane (5-11, 185, Fr.)
CB	23	Tony Franklin (5-10, 185, So.)
	37	Mario Moore (5-9, 172, Fr.)
FS	36	Jermaine Hardy (5-10, 200, Sr.)
	42	Lance Evans (6-4, 198, So.)
SS	5	Marquis Weeks (5-10, 214, Sr.)
	20	Robbie Catterton (6-2, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	6	Connor Hughes (5-10, 172, Jr.)
P	1	Noah Greenbaum (5-10, 178, So.)
	15	Kurt Korte (5-11, 185, Jr.)

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PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 ACC *(beat Pittsburgh in the Continental Tire Bowl, 23-16)*

Virginia

Charlottesville, Va.

Official athletic Web site: www.virginiasports.com

CAVALIERS

Cavaliers appear loaded, but success of Schaub's successor will be difference between good, great

If quarterback Matt Schaub were back—instead of preparing for his rookie season in the NFL—the Cavaliers (8-5, 4-4) might receive some first-place votes in the ACC.

Coach Al Groh's fourth team at his alma mater features two *Playboy* All-Americans—junior tight end Heath Miller and senior offensive guard Elton Brown—and numerous other all-star candidates, among them linebackers Darryl Blackstock and Ahmad Brooks, defensive end Chris Canty, tailback Wali Lundy and kicker Connor Hughes. What UVa. doesn't have is a quarterback who has shown he can shine against top ACC defenses.

Schaub, the ACC's Player of the Year in 2002, dropped to the all-conference second team in '03, but only because N.C. State's Philip Rivers performed so brilliantly. Schaub, the MVP of Virginia's 23-16 win over Pittsburgh in the Continental Tire Bowl, holds virtually every major passing record at the school.

There is no shortage of candidates to replace him. The job probably will go to 5-10 Marques Hagans, a strong-armed junior who's also an electrifying runner. Hagans played wideout and returned punts for most of last season, but he impressed in his one start at QB (while Schaub was injured). In a rout of Western Michigan, Hagans passed for 162 yards and three touchdowns and ran nine times for 68 yards.

If Virginia gets capable play at quarterback, its offense should ring up big numbers. Eight starters return, as well as three players who, for various reasons, redshirted last season: wideout Michael McGrew, fullback Jason Snelling and tailback Michael Johnson. McGrew and Snelling are former starters, while Johnson is the team's fastest player.

Offensive coordinator Ron Prince also coaches the line, which returns intact: juniors D'Brickashaw Ferguson and Brad Butler at the tackles, Brown and sophomore Ian-Yates Cunningham at the guards, plus senior Zac Yarbrough at center. Ferguson already has 27 career starts. The 6-6, 338-pound Brown was the choice of ACC defensive coordinators as the conference's top blocker in 2003.

In Miller and senior Patrick Estes, Virginia might have the nation's best set of tight ends. Estes is a powerful blocker and Miller, the Cavaliers' All-ACC first-teamer last year, had 70 catches. His 835 yards receiving set an ACC record.

Virginia lacks a proven big-play receiver, but seniors McGrew and Ottowa Anderson run excellent routes, block well and have good hands. Between them they have 122 career receptions for 1,449 yards. Sophomores Fontel Mines and Deyon Williams also will see significant action at wideout.

The Cavs are loaded at tailback. Lundy, a junior, and senior Alvin Pearman have combined for 3,054 yards and 25 TDs rushing and 1,682 yards and 15 TDs receiving. Lundy has had seven 100-yard rushing games in his career, the most of any active ACC running back, and Pearman had 63 catches last year.

Lundy was one of four Cavaliers to make the All-ACC second team, along with Brown, Hughes and defender Canty, a repeat selection. Canty heads an improved defense that got the better of such stars as P.J. Daniels, Kevin Jones and Larry Fitzgerald in Virginia's late-season victories over Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech and Pitt, respectively.

Defense coordinator Al Golden returns eight starters. Virginia's base defense is a 3-4, and six of the front seven are back: ends Canty and Brennan Schmidt, nose tackle Andrew Hoffman, outside linebacker Blackstock and sophomore inside linebackers Brooks and Kai Parham, who missed spring practice with a back injury. Canty led ACC linemen with 104 tackles last year. Brooks, the team's leading tackler in 2003, was a first-team Freshman All-American, and Parham made the second team.

A thin and inexperienced secondary is Golden's biggest concern. Gone are starters Jamaine Winborne and Almondo Curry, who had an ACC-high six interceptions last year. Barring injuries, Virginia should be set at the corners, with sophomores Tony Franklin and Marcus Hamilton, but the team's only veteran safety, senior Jermaine Hardy, is coming off reconstructive knee surgery. The other starter at safety is likely to be fifth-year senior Marquis Weeks.

Weeks (27.5-yard average) and Franklin (25.8) rank among the ACC's premier kickoff returners. Hughes, a junior, ranks among the nation's top kickers. In two seasons, the former walk-on has made 28 of 31 field-goal attempts.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Scott Stadium **Capacity:** 61,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Al Groh,** 4th Year **Record:** 22-17 **Career Record:** 48-57	**Danny Rocco** (assistant head coach/LBs), **Al Golden** (def. coordinator), **John Garrett** (WRs), **Mark D'Onofrio** (TEs/special teams), **Mike Groh** (QBs), **Mike London** (DL/recruiting coordinator), **Bob Price** (DBs), **Ron Prince** (off. coordinator/OL), **Anthony Poindexter** (RBs)

ACC

PRESEASON RANK **4**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-3 ACC *(beat Tennessee in the Peach Bowl, 27-14)*

Clemson

Clemson, S.C.

Official athletic Web site: www.clemsontigers.com

TIGERS

Tigers look to build on late-season '03 run that gave Tommy Bowden job security

After Wake Forest humiliated the Tigers 45-17 on Nov. 1, the biggest question in Death Valley was when, not if, Tommy Bowden would be fired. But the Tigers bounced back to upset Florida State 26-10 and then crushed Duke (40-7) and arch-rival South Carolina (63-17). Bowden was named ACC Coach of the Year and got a three-year contract extension from Clemson. The Tigers (9-4, 5-3) then capped their turnaround by hammering Tennessee 27-14 in the Peach Bowl.

What a difference a glorious finish can make. The challenge now for the Tigers, who return 15 starters, is to continue their hot play. A sixth straight trip to a bowl is a goal, but Clemson doesn't want to settle for a second- or third-tier game.

"We have to be more consistent from one season to the next," says Bowden, whose record in five years with the Tigers is 38-24. "The way we finished last year, some people were putting the 'Clemson's Back' headline on our season. We won't be back until we show more consistency."

The offseason could have gone better for the Tigers. The recruiting class they signed for 2004 wasn't especially well-regarded, and they lost two players early to the NFL Draft: defensive tackle Donnell Washington and wideout Derrick Hamilton, also a standout kick returner. Both made the All-ACC second team last year.

Also gone is offensive tackle Gregory Walker, a second-team all-conference choice. But senior linebacker Leroy Hill, who ranked second nationally in 2003 with 27 tackles for loss, is back to lead the defense, and he was a first-team All-ACC selection.

Seven starters return on offense, most notably junior quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, who threw 21 touchdown passes in 2003. The 6-4, 220-pound Whitehurst has passed for 5,115 yards in two seasons. In ACC history, only one quarterback had thrown for more at this stage of his career—N.C. State's Philip Rivers (5,640).

Whitehurst lost his top two receivers—Hamilton and Kevin Youngblood—but senior Airese Currie returns. Currie, perhaps the ACC's swiftest player, had 43 catches for 560 yards and four TDs last season. Another target is junior tailback Duane Coleman, who gained 309 yards on 34 receptions. Coleman led the Tigers in rushing, gaining 619 yards on 133 carries.

Also back at tailback is senior Yusef Kelly, a reserve last season but Clemson's top rusher in 2002.

The other returning starters on offense are senior tight end Bobby Williams, senior guard Cedric Johnson, sophomore guard Nathan Bennett and senior center Tommy Sharpe. Look for junior Curtis Baham to emerge as a big-play threat at wide receiver. He had 22 catches for 241 yards last year.

Clemson's defense also welcomes back seven starters. Linebacker John Leake, who ranks fifth all-time at Clemson with 448 career tackles, won't be easy to replace, but rebuilding the line is a more pressing concern for defensive coordinator John Lovett. Senior end Maurice Fountain is the only starter back up front. Likely to join him are massive end Vontrell Jamison (6-8, 280 pounds) and tackles Eric Coleman and Trey Tate.

Hill and senior Eric Sampson head an excellent group of linebackers, and the first-team secondary returns intact: juniors Tye Hill and Justin Miller (10 career interceptions) at the corners, junior Jamaal Fudge at rover and senior Travis Pugh at free safety.

Sophomore Jed Dean is the probable successor to kicker Aaron Hunt, who graduated as the school's career scoring leader. Cole Chason (38.6-yard average) is back at punter, and Miller has averaged 29.1 yards on 30 career kickoff returns.

Charlie Whitehurst, *QB*

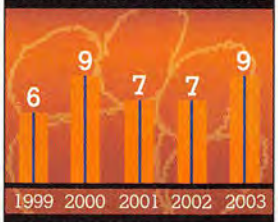
REX BROWN/Ai WIRE

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Clemson Memorial **Capacity:** 81,473 **Turf:** Grass	**Tommy Bowden,** 6th Year **Record:** 38-24 **Career Record:** 56-28	**Brad Scott** (assistant head coach/OL), **John Lovett** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Mike O'Cain** (QBs/off. coordinator), **Burton Burns** (RBs), **David Blackwell** (LBs/recruiting coordinator), **Thielen Smith** (rover/WHIP), **Jack Hines** (TEs), **Ron West** (DL), **Dabo Swinney** (WRs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Wake Forest	L	17-45
S.11	Georgia Tech	W	39-3
S.18	@TEXAS A&M		
S.25	@FLORIDA STATE	W	26-10
O.7	@VIRGINIA	W	30-27 (OT)
O.16	Utah State		
O.23	Maryland	L	7-21
O.30	North Carolina State	L	15-17
N.6	@MIAMI (FL)		
N.13	@DUKE	W	40-7
N.20	South Carolina	W	63-17

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 57/20

OFFENSE		
QB	6	Charlie Whitehurst (6-4, 220, Jr.)
	14	Will Proctor (6-2, 190, So.)
FB	36	Cliff Harrell (6-1, 255, Jr.)
	55	Nigel Vaughn (6-0, 215, Jr.)
TB	3	Duane Coleman (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	5	Yusef Kelly (6-0, 230, Sr.)
LT	72	Roman Fry (6-4, 280, So.)
	60	Jesse Pickens (6-5, 270, Sr.)
LG	65	Cedric Johnson (6-4, 325, Sr.)
	74	Brandon Pilgrim (6-5, 300, So.)
C	53	Tommy Sharpe (6-0, 270, Sr.)
	62	Dustin Fry (6-3, 320, So.)
RG	63	Nathan Bennett (6-5, 312, So.)
	64	Chip Myrick (6-4, 290, Jr.)
RT	75	Marion Dukes (6-4, 315, So.)
	73	Tim DeBeer (6-6, 295, So.)
WR	18	Curtis Baham (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	88	Kelvin Grant (6-2, 205, So.)
WR	1	Airese Currie (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	2	Chansi Stuckey (6-0, 170, So.)
WR	13	Gerald McCloud (6-2, 195, So.)
	88	Kelvin Grant (6-2, 205, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	52	Vontrell Jamison (6-8, 280, Sr.)
	93	Gaines Adams (6-5, 250, So.)
DT	76	Eric Coleman (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	44	Donnell Clark (6-2, 266, So.)
DT	92	Trey Tate (6-4, 270, Jr.)
	7	Cory Groover (6-3, 288, Jr.)
DE	99	Maurice Fountain (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	86	Charles Bennett (6-4, 248, Jr.)
LB	40	Anthony Waters (6-3, 235, So.)
	32	Nick Watkins (6-2, 220, Fr.)
LB	43	Leroy Hill (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	31	David Dunham (6-2, 215, Jr.)
LB	38	Eric Sampson (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	20	Tremaine Billie (6-1, 195, So.)
CB	8	Tye Hill (5-10, 180, Jr.)
	27	Robert Reese (5-11, 185, Fr.)
CB	9	Justin Miller (5-11, 200, Jr.)
	15	Sergio Gilliam (6-3, 185 So.)
FS	29	Travis Pugh (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	25	Roy Walker (6-3, 195, Fr.)
ROV	24	Jamaal Fudge (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	23	Tavaghn Monts (6-2, 190, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	7	Jed Dean (5-11, 200, So.)
	16	Stephen Furr (6-1, 185, Jr.)
P	89	Cole Chason (6-0, 161, So.)

ACC

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Northern Illinois	L	13-20 (OT)
S.11	Temple		
S.18	@WEST VIRGINIA	W	34-7
S.25	@DUKE	W	33-20
O.9	Georgia Tech	L	3-7
O.16	North Carolina State	W	26-24
O.23	@CLEMSON	W	21-7
O.30	Florida State	L	10-35
N.6	@VIRGINIA	W	27-17
N.18	@VIRGINIA TECH		
N.27	Wake Forest	W	41-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/25

OFFENSE

QB	16	Joel Statham (6-1, 207, So.)
	14	Sam Hollenbach (6-5, 223, So.)
FB	5	Ricardo Dickerson (6-3, 238, Jr.)
	40	Maurice Smith (5-11, 229, Sr.)
TB	33	Josh Allen (5-11, 207, Jr.)
	20	J.P. Humber (6-0, 217, So.)
LT	70	Stephon Heyer (6-6, 295, Jr.)
	78	Ryan Flynn (6-4, 272, Sr.)
LG	74	C.J. Brooks (6-6, 318, Sr.)
	66	Garrick Clig (6-3, 296, Fr.)
C	72	Kyle Schmitt (6-5, 297, Sr.)
	68	Ryan McDonald (6-2, 282, Jr.)
RG	63	Andrew Crummey (6-4, 273, Fr.)
	69	Donnie Woods (6-3, 286, Fr.)
RT	79	Lou Lombardo (6-6, 287, Sr.)
	71	Brock Choate (6-4, 273, Fr.)
TE	84	Derek Miller (6-8, 258, Jr.)
	3	Rob Abiamiri (6-2, 241, Sr.)
WR	83	Derrick Fenner (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	89	Drew Weatherly (6-4, 200, So.)
WR	34	Steve Suter (5-9, 192, Sr.)
	85	Dan Melendez (6-2, 176, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	41	Kevin Eli (6-4, 268, Sr.)
	98	Omarr Savage (6-5, 260, Fr.)
DT	95	Conrad Bolston (6-4, 267, So.)
	76	Henry Scott (6-3, 279, Sr.)
NT	91	Robert Armstrong (6-3, 303, So.)
	64	Justin Duffie (6-1, 287, Jr.)
DE	45	Shawne Merriman (6-3, 253, So.)
	47	Jon Condo (6-3, 241, Sr.)
SLB	59	David Holloway (6-2, 228, So.)
	44	Jeris Smith (6-2, 233, So.)
MLB	52	D'Qwell Jackson (6-1, 224, Jr.)
	27	Tim Cesa (6-0, 240, Fr.)
WLB	48	William Kershaw (6-3, 233, So.)
	35	Wesley Jefferson (6-1, 233, Fr.)
CB	6	Domonique Foxworth (5-11, 177, Sr.)
	25	Josh Wilson (5-9, 176, So.)
CB	17	Reuben Haigier (5-10, 186, Sr.)
	28	Gerrick McPhearson (5-10, 192, Jr.)
FS	26	Raymond Custis (5-9, 194, Jr.)
		Richard Taylor (5-10, 190, Fr.)
SS	2	Chris Kelley (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	12	Marcus Wimbush (5-11, 205, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Nick Novak (6-0, 183, Sr.)
	11	Daniel Ennis (6-0, 149, So.)
P	36	Adam Podlesh (5-111-209, So.)
	16	Joel Statham (6-1, 207, So.)

5 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 6-2 ACC *(beat West Virginia in the Gator Bowl, 41-7)*

Maryland

College Park, Md.

Official athletic Web site: www.umterps.com

TERRAPINS

Don't expect 'Fridge' to cool off in College Park; Terps still have firepower to be factor at the top

By any standard, Ralph Friedgen's return to his alma mater has been a smash hit. In three seasons under Friedgen (Class of '70), Maryland is 31-8. That's the highest three-year victory total in school history, and Friedgen's 31 wins are the most ever by a coach in his first three seasons at an ACC school. Maryland, which embarrassed West Virginia 41-7 in last season's Gator Bowl, is among only five Division I-A teams to have won at least 10 games in each of the past three seasons.

In Friedgen's three campaigns, the Terrapins have had 28 All-ACC picks, one more than in the previous 17 years combined. A season ago, Maryland (10-3, 6-2) became the first team in ACC history to win 10 games after starting 0-2. Ten Terps were selected first- or second-team All-ACC, the most of any school in the league.

Gone from that group are defensive tackle Randy Starks, a first-team pick who left early for the NFL, and second-team choices Jeff Dugan (tight end) and Madieu Williams (safety). In all, Friedgen lost 13 starters, including three-quarters of his secondary, but Maryland's returning regulars form the nucleus of what should be another winning team.

Three players are back who made first-team All-ACC in 2003: offensive guard C.J. Brooks, a four-year starter; kicker Nick Novak, a repeat selection; and special-teams whiz Steve Suter, who ranks third on the ACC's all-time list with 1,108 career yards in punt returns.

Back from the All-ACC second team are four Terps: defensive end Kevin Eli, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson, cornerback Domonique Foxworth and punter Adam Podlesh, who was a first-team Freshman All-American.

For Friedgen, the biggest question heading into spring practice was this: Who would replace Scott McBrien, 21-6 as Maryland's No. 1 quarterback? Answer: probably redshirt sophomore Joel Statham, though classmate Sam Hollenbach also had his moments.

Suter, also a stellar wideout, and Brooks are among five returning starters on offense. The others are center Kyle Schmitt, tackle Stephon Heyer and tailback Josh Allen. Senior Sammy Maldonado is another talented tailback.

Dugan was a devastating blocker, and junior Derek Miller will try to fill that role at tight end.

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C.J. Brooks, *OG*

Friedgen also has two smaller tight ends whose playmaking ability he loves: sophomore Vernon Davis and senior Rob Abiamiri. The 6-3, 234-pound Davis runs like a receiver and should have a breakout season. Jo Jo Walker (23 catches in 2003), Rich Parson (17) and Derrick Fenner (12) join Suter (29) in an excellent corps of veteran receivers.

Maryland allowed only 15.8 points per game in 2003, the fewest of any ACC team. The Terps won't be so stingy this year, but if their new starters on the line and in the secondary progress, this will be a quality defense. Any unit with linebackers like juniors Jackson (team-high 136 tackles) and Shawne Merriman should be formidable.

Eli, a senior, is the old man on a line whose starting tackles are likely to be sophomores Rob Armstrong and Conrad Bolston. Foxworth, a two-time All-ACC pick—he made the first team in 2002 and the second team in '03—is a commanding presence in the secondary. Among those battling for the corner job are senior Reuben Haigler and junior Gerrick McPhearson. Candidates to start at safety include Chris Kelley, Raymond Custis and Marcus Wimbush.

Maryland's kicking game is unsurpassed in the ACC, with Novak and the versatile Suter, who returns punts and kickoffs. Novak was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award each of the past two seasons. He needs only three points to become the ACC's all-time leading scorer.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Byrd Stadium **Capacity:** 48,055 **Turf:** Grass	**Ralph Friedgen,** 4th Year **Record:** 31-8 **Career Record:** 31-8	**Tim Banks** (ILBs), **Gary Blackney** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Tom Brattan** (OL), James Franklin (WRs/recruiting coordinator), **Bill O'Brien** (RBs), **Ray Rychleski** (special teams coordinator/TEs), **Al Seamonson** (OLBs/special teams assistant), **Dave Sollazzo** (DL), **Charlie Taaffe** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Tom Deahn** (director of football operations), **Dwight Galt** (director of strength and conditioning)

ACC

PRESEASON RANK **6**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 ACC *(beat Kansas in the Tangerine Bowl, 56-26)*

N.C. State

Raleigh, N.C.

Official athletic Web site: www.gopack.com

WOLFPACK

Without a Rivers flowing through it, Wolfpack offense may be slow in developing

On Jan. 6, 2000, Chuck Amato was introduced as the Wolfpack's new coach. That same month, Philip Rivers, a recent high school graduate, enrolled at N.C. State. Four-and-half years later, Amato is ready to start another season at his alma mater, but Rivers has moved on to the NFL.

Like it or not, the 'Pack is about to experience life without Rivers.

Expect some turbulence. Rivers, after all, started an NCAA-record 51 consecutive games at State and threw for 13,484 career yards, the second-highest total in major-college history. As a senior, he completed 72 percent of his passes for 4,491 yards and 34 touchdowns—all ACC records—and was named the conference's Player of the Year. He capped his college career by leading State to a 56-26 rout of Kansas in the Tangerine Bowl.

"How would you like to be the quarterback that starts in the [2004 opener]?" Amato said in the spring. "He will not do anything right, whatever he does."

The lucky guy will be seldom-used junior Jay Davis (177 career yards passing) or redshirt freshman Marcus Stone. Neither is likely to come close to matching Rivers' feats, but if N.C. State (8-5, 4-4) gets solid play at quarterback, it could have a memorable season. Eight starters return on offense and nine on defense, and that group doesn't include wideout Sterling Hicks or defensive back Marcus Hudson, both starters in 2002. Hicks missed most of last season with a torn ACL. Hudson was suspended from the team in January 2003 and later became academically ineligible.

Unfortunately for the 'Pack, each starter it lost on offense made first-team All-ACC in 2003: Rivers, wideout Jerrico Cotchery and offensive tackle Sean Locklear. Amato hopes to regain the services of Chris Colmer, who missed last season with a rare illness, but the offensive tackle wasn't able to practice in the spring. Colmer was second-team All-ACC in 2002.

Even if Colmer can't play, State's line should be superb. Back are center Jed Paulsen, who's made 24 career starts, guards Ricky Fowler and Leroy Harris and tackle John McKeon. Harris was a first-team Freshman All-American last year. Junior T.J. Williams (28 catches for 444 yards) returns at tight end, and junior Tramain Hall and Brian Clark are outstanding options at receiver. Hall is especially dangerous. He caught 69 passes for 799 yards and seven TDs last season and ranked second among ACC punt returners.

At tailback is junior T.A. McLendon, probably the conference's best at that position—if he can remain healthy. That has proved difficult for him, one reason the Wolfpack ranked last among ACC teams in rushing (100.8 yards per game) last season. Thanks to Rivers' mastery of its spread offense, the 'Pack still managed to lead the league in total offense (453.2 ypg) and scoring offense (37.6 ppg).

The defensive stats weren't so impressive for Amato's crew. In the ACC, the Wolfpack ranked ahead of only North Carolina in scoring defense, giving up nearly 30 points per outing. Amato hired Reggie Herring in the offseason as defensive coordinator, and the 'Pack isn't likely to be so generous this fall. Herring, defensive coordinator at Clemson from 1997 to 2001, inherited the only unit in the ACC to return three players—rover Andre Maddox (145 tackles) and linebackers Pat Thomas (130) and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (103)—who each had at least 100 tackles in 2003.

Maddox made the All-ACC first team last year, and Thomas was a second-team choice. At one defensive end is 6-7, 265-pound Mario Williams, an extraordinarily gifted athlete who was a first-team Freshman All-American last season. On the other side will be converted linebacker Manny Lawson (also a punt-blocking specialist) or junior Renaldo Moses, who's on the mend from a serious knee injury. John McCargo started all 13 games at tackle as a freshman.

The corps of linebackers, with Thomas, Aughtry-Lindsay and hard-hitting junior Oliver Hoyte back, should be among the ACC's finest. Maddox, cornerback Lamont Reid and Troy Graham are back in the secondary. Hudson, a junior who moved from corner to safety over the winter, shared the Most Outstanding Defensive Player award in spring practice with senior cornerback Dovonte Edwards.

On special teams, State must replace punter Austin Herbert, kicker Adam Kiker and long snapper Danny Young. John Deraney is back, however, and 40 of his 75 kickoffs were touchbacks last season. With 10 non-offensive touchdowns in 2003, State led the ACC in that category for the second straight season.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Carter-Finley Stadium **Capacity:** 51,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Chuck Amato,** 5th Year **Record:** 34-17 **Career Record:** 34-17	**Michael Barry** (OL), **Curt Cignetti** (QBs/recruiting coordinator), **Manny Diaz** (safeties), **John 'Doc' Holliday** (WRs/assistant head coach), **Dick Portee** (RBs), **Greg Williams** (DBs), **Reggie Herring** (def. coordinator/TEs), **Noel Mazzone** (off. coordinator/TEs), **Michael Barry** (OL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Richmond		
S.18	Ohio State	L	38-44 (OT)
S.25	@VIRGINIA TECH		
O.2	Wake Forest	L	24-38
O.9	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	47-34
O.16	@MARYLAND	L	24-26
O.23	Miami (FL)		
O.30	@CLEMSON	W	17-15
N.6	Georgia Tech	L	21-29
N.11	Florida State	L	44-50 (OT)
N.27	@EAST CAROLINA		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/18

OFFENSE		
QB	10	Jay Davis (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	9	Marcus Stone (6-4, 226, Fr.)
TB	44	T.A. McLendon (5-11, 216, Jr.)
	20	Reggie Davis (6-2, 220, So.)
LT	70	Chris Colmer (6-6, 305, Sr.)
	78	James Newby (6-6, 278, So.)
LG	64	Leroy Harris (6-3, 293, So.)
	72	Luke Lathan (6-5, 288, Fr.)
C	53	Jed Paulsen (6-2, 290, Jr.)
	63	Kelani Heppe (6-4, 280, Fr.)
RG	76	Ricky Fowler (6-2, 303, Sr.)
	75	John McKeon (6-5, 298, Jr.)
RT	71	Derek Morris (6-6, 332, So.)
	79	Jon Holt (6-6, 281, So.)
TE	80	T.J. Williams (6-4, 248, Jr.)
	15	John Ritcher (6-3, 246, Jr.)
FLK	6	Richard Washington (6-0, 170, Jr.)
	5	Sterling Hicks (6-2, 180, Jr.)
SE	87	Brian Clark (6-3, 202, Jr.)
	13	Lamart Barrett (6-1, 190, So.)
WR	21	Tramain Hall (5-11, 187, Jr.)
	32	Chris Hawkins (6-8, 188, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	9	Mario Williams (6-7, 265, So.)
	98	Maurice Charles (6-3, 254, So.)
DT	90	John McCargo (6-2, 289, So.)
	41	Martrel Brown (6-3, 265, Fr.)
DT	62	Dwayne Herndon (6-4, 288, Jr.)
	99	Kennie Covington (6-3, 268, Jr.)
DE	91	Manny Lawson (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	96	Renaldo Moses (6-6, 214, Jr.)
SLB	31	Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	45	Ernest Jones (6-3, 213, Fr.)
MLB	22	Oliver Hoyte (6-3, 230, So.)
	56	Pat Lowrey (6-2, 224, So.)
WLB	52	Pat Thomas (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	50	Stephen Tulloch (5-10, 226, So.)
CB	28	Lamont Reid (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	3	A.J. Davis (5-10, 172, So.)
CB	14	Dovonte Edwards (6-0, 182, Sr.)
	8	Jimmie Sutton (6-1, 178, Fr.)
FS	27	Troy Graham (6-3, 202, Sr.)
	1	Marcus Hudson (6-2, 186, Jr.)
ROV	36	Andre Maddox (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	19	Garland Heath (6-2, 207, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
K	12	John Deraney (6-4, 208, So.)
	35	Tucker King (6-1, 191, So.)
P	12	John Deraney (6-4, 208, Fr.)

ACC

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
A.28	USC@		
S.11	Western Michigan		
S.18	Duke		
S.25	North Carolina State		
O.2	West Virginia	L	7-28
O.9	@WAKE FOREST		
O.16	Florida A&M		
O.28	@GEORGIA TECH		
N.6	@NORTH CAROLINA		
N.18	Maryland		
N.27	Virginia	L	21-35
D.4	@MIAMI (FL)	W	31-7

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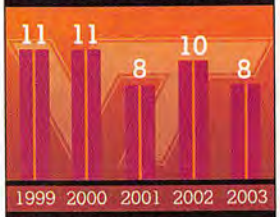
FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 9
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/16

OFFENSE

QB	3	Bryan Randall (6-0, 222, Sr.)
	5	Marcus Vick (6-0, 213, r-So.)
FB	43	John Kinzer (6-2, 246, r-Fr.)
	34	George Bell (5-10, 226, Fr.)
TB	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 230, r-Jr.)
	20	Mike Imoh (5-7, 196, Jr.)
LT	52	Jimmy Martin (6-5, 289, Jr.)
	61	Reggie Butler (6-6, 339, Jr.)
LG	66	Will Montgomery (6-3, 298, r-Jr.)
	77	Brandon Gore (6-5, 351, r-So.)
C	68	Robert Ramsey (6-2, 307, r-Sr.)
	57	Tripp Carroll (6-4, 325, r-Fr.)
RG	76	James Miller (6-6, 299, Sr.)
	72	Jason Murphy (6-2, 301, r-Jr.)
RT	79	Jon Dunn (6-7, 341, r-Sr.)
	58	Chris Pannell (6-4, 296, r-Jr.)
TE	90	Jeff King (6-5, 256, r-Jr.)
	85	Jared Mazzetta (6-4, 259, r-Sr.)
FL	16	Chris Clifton (6-4, 205, r-Jr.)
	80	Robert Parker (6-1, 210, r-So.)
FL	87	David Clowney (6-1, 178, So.)
	27	Justin Hamilton (6-3, 219, r-Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Noland Burchette (6-2, 245, r-So.)
	49	Chris Ellis (6-4, 257, r-Fr.)
DT	70	Kevin Lewis (6-1, 288, r-Sr.)
	71	Tim Sandidge (6-1, 304, r-Jr.)
DT	56	Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 300, Jr.)
	86	Isaac Montgomery (6-4, 284, r-Sr.)
DE	95	Jim Davis (6-3, 276, r-Sr.)
	55	Darryl Tapp (6-1, 264, Jr.)
LB	48	Brandon Manning (6-0, 220, r-Sr.)
	36	Aaron Rouse (6-3, 210, r-So.)
LB	45	Mikal Baaqee (5-10, 225, r-Sr.)
	9	Vince Hall (6-0, 237, r-Fr.)
LB	11	Xavier Adibi (6-3, 229, r-Fr.)
	40	Blake Warren (6-3, 246, r-Jr.)
CB	1	Eric Green (6-0, 197, r-Sr.)
	25	D.J. Parker (5-11, 171, Fr.)
CB	2	Jimmy Williams (6-3, 213, Jr.)
	15	Roland Minor (6-0, 196, r-Fr.)
FS	8	Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-Sr.)
	31	Mike Daniels (6-0, 212, r-Sr.)
ROV	22	James Griffi n (6-1, 198, Sr.)
	30	Cary Wade (5-10, 179, r-So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Brandon Pace (5-10, 199, r-So.)
		John Hedge (5-9, 177, r-Fr.)
P	38	Vinnie Burns (5-11, 202, r-Sr.)
	23	Nic Schmitt (6-1, 260, r-So.)

7 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-3 Big East *(lost to California in the Insight Bowl, 52-49)*

Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, Va.

Official athletic Web site: www.hokiesports.com

HOKIES

Beamer hopes emphasis on discipline produces a team that finishes stronger

A troubling trend continued for the Hokies in 2003, and they hope a change of scenery—and a renewed emphasis on discipline—will do them good.

For the third straight year, Virginia Tech (8-5 overall, 4-3 Big East) bolted to a fast start and then suffered a late-season collapse. After climbing to No. 3 in the polls, the Hokies lost five of their final seven games in 2003.

A turbulent offseason followed the Hokies' 52-49 loss to California in the Insight Bowl. In February, quarterback Marcus Vick, tailback Mike Imoh and wideout Brenden Hill were charged with assorted misdemeanors after an incident with underage girls. Frank Beamer, the winningest coach in school history, later dismissed promising reserves Michael Brown (linebacker) and Michael Hinton (defensive back) for disciplinary reasons.

This isn't the grand entrance the Hokies hoped to make into the ACC, but Beamer and his assistants are determined to cure the program's ills. Tech has made 11 straight bowl appearances and won at least eight games in 10 of the past 11 seasons, and it has no intention of letting either streak end in 2004.

"I think there's a sense of urgency in our whole program," says Beamer, in his 18th season as coach at his alma mater.

Unfortunately for Beamer, his team suffered major personnel losses. None of the Hokies' returning players made first- or second-team All-Big East last season, and Beamer must replace eight players who did. That group includes three All-Americans—cornerback/punt returner DeAngelo Hall, center Jake Grove and tailback Kevin Jones—as well as Ernest Wilford, one of the finest wide receivers in school history. Hall and Jones passed up their senior seasons to enter the NFL Draft.

"This is a young, inexperienced football team that has a number of question marks," Beamer says.

Quarterback shouldn't be a concern. Senior Bryan Randall started every game last season and passed for 1,996 yards, including 398 against Cal. He also was the team's second-leading rusher, running for 404 yards and five touchdowns. Still, his resume notwithstanding, Randall isn't assured of starting this season. If Vick works through his legal issues and remains eligible, the redshirt sophomore could beat Randall out for the job. If Randall wins the battle, look for Michael Vick's kid brother to again see time at wideout. Vick caught four passes for 82 yards in the bowl game, and he's too good of an athlete for offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring to keep on the sideline.

Stinespring has only four starters back: Randall, Will Montgomery and tackles Jimmy Martin and Jon Dunn. Montgomery, a guard last season, may take over for Grove at center. Junior Cedric Humes was expected to replace Jones at tailback, but he broke his leg in the spring. Others in the mix there include Imoh, Justin Hamilton and true freshman George Bell, who enrolled at Tech in January. Bell can also play fullback.

If Hamilton, a wideout last season, stays at tailback, then the Hokies' top returning receiver will be senior Richard Johnson (13 catches for 141 yards). True freshmen Justin Harper and Josh Morgan figure to compete for immediate playing time at receiver.

Virginia Tech surrendered 175 points in its final five games last season, and defensive coordinator Bud Foster must replace six starters, five of whom made first- or second-team All-Big East—Hall, ends Cols Colas and Nathaniel Adibi, linebacker Vegas Robinson and rover Michael Crawford. The returning starters: brothers Jonathan Lewis and Kevin Lewis at tackle, linebackers Mikal Baaqee and Brandon Manning and cornerback Jimmy Williams, who's coming off an inconsistent season at safety.

Better news for Foster is the return of 6-3, 276-pound end Jim Davis, who redshirted last season because of an injury. Davis has 23 career tackles for loss. The Hokies look solid at end, with Darryl Tapp, Noland Burchette and Chris Ellis joining Davis.

The Hokies are perilously thin in the secondary. The backups to starting cornerbacks Williams and Eric Green are freshmen, and James Griffin's backup at rover is sophomore Cary Wade, who was redshirted last season.

Four of Virginia Tech's first five games are at Lane Stadium, but the Hokies won't have the luxury of easing into the season. In a matchup that may shake its confidence, Tech opens against high-powered Southern Cal in the Black Coaches Association Classic Aug. 28 at Landover, Md.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Lane Stadium **Capacity:** 65,115 **Turf:** Grass	**Frank Beamer,** 18th Year **Record:** 125-75-2 **Career Record:** 167-97-4	**Billy Hite** (associate head coach/RBs), **Bud Foster** (def. coordinator/ILBs), **Bryan Stinespring** (off. coordinator/OL), **Jim Cavanaugh** (recruiting coordinator/strong safety and OLBs), **Tony Ball** (WRs), **Danny Pearman** (TEs/OTs), **Kevin Rogers** (QBs), **Lorenzo Ward** (defensive backfield), **Charley Wiles** (DL)

ACC

Atlanta, Ga. PRESEASON RANK **8**

Georgia Tech
YELLOW JACKETS

2003 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 ACC *(beat Tulsa in the Humanitarian Bowl, 52-10)*

Official athletic Web site:
www.ramblinwreck.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Samford		
S.11	@CLEMSON	L	3-39
S.18	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	41-24
O.2	Miami (FL)		
O.9	@MARYLAND	W	7-3
O.16	Duke	L	17-41
O.28	Virginia Tech		
N.6	@NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	29-21
N.13	Connecticut		
N.20	Virginia	L	17-29
N.27	@GEORGIA	L	17-34

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/18

OFFENSE

QB	1	Reggie Ball (5-11, 195, So.)
FB	47	Jimmy Dixon (6-1, 220, Sr.)
TB	45	P.J. Daniels (5-10, 205, Jr.)
LT	71	Kenton Johnson (6-6, 325, r-Sr.)
LG	74	Leon Robinson (6-4, 318, r-Sr.)
C	65	Andy Tidwell-Neal (6-4, 295, Jr.)
RG	72	Brad Honeycutt (6-4, 308, r-Jr.)
RT	77	Kyle Wallace (6-6, 295, Sr.)
TE	83	Darius Williams (6-6, 270, Sr.)
WR	5	Nate Curry (5-10, 190, r-Sr.)
WR	7	Levon Thomas (6-0, 195, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	56	Eric Henderson (6-3, 265, r-Jr.)
DT	97	Mansfield Wrotto (6-3, 310, So.)
DT	92	Alfred Malone (6-4, 300, Jr.)
DE	94	Travis Parker (6-5, 265, r-Jr.)
LB	35	KaMichael Hall (6-0, 225, So.)
LB	44	Nick Moore (6-1, 225, So.)
LB	49	Gerris Wilkinson (6-3, 230, Jr.)
CB	9	Reuben Houston (6-0, 195, r-So.)
CB	2	Kenny Scott (6-1, 180, So.)
FS	22	James Butler (6-3, 210, Sr.)
SS	20	Dawan Landry (6-2, 215, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	33	David Jordan (6-4, 210, r-So.)
P	14	Andy Thomson (5-11, 180, r-Sr.)

Seven straight winning seasons. Seven straight bowl appearances. The Yellow Jackets have enough experience and talent to extend each of those streaks, but they're not ready to challenge for the ACC title. From a team that closed last season by humbling Tulsa 52-10 in the Humanitarian Bowl, third-year coach Chan Gailey returns—here's that number again—seven starters on offense and seven on defense. But the there were some key losses.

On defense, Georgia Tech must replace its starting linebackers, a formidable group led by Darryl Smith and Keyaron Fox, who combined for 79 starts, 755 tackles and 88 tackles for loss in their careers.

The offense lacked firepower last season—Tech ranked eighth in the ACC in scoring offense (21.1 ppg)—and coordinator Patrick Nix lost his most explosive player, wideout Jonathan Smith, who made the all-conference second team with 78 catches for 1,138 yards and five touchdowns. Also gone are rugged tight end John Paul Foschi, first-team All-ACC center Hugh Reilly and tackle Nat Dorsey, who left early for the NFL.

The best news for Tech fans might be the return of quarterback Reggie Ball. The Jackets (7-6, 4-4) played 11 true freshmen in 2003, and none shined brighter than Ball, the ACC Rookie of the Year. He passed for 1,996 yards and 11 TDs, and rushed for 384 yards and three more scores.

The Jackets ran more than they passed in 2003, and with Smith gone and junior tailback P.J. Daniels back, that's not likely to change this season. Daniels, a first-team all-conference pick, became the first Georgia Tech player to lead the ACC in rushing since 1989.

Other starters back on offense: tackle Kyle Wallace, center Andy Tidwell-Neal, guard Brad Honeycutt, fullback Jimmy Dixon and wideout Nate Curry.

Of Georgia Tech's veterans on defense, two rank among the nation's elite at their positions: junior defensive end Eric Henderson and senior safety James Butler.

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Bobby Dodd Stadium
Capacity: 55,000
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:
Chan Gailey, 3rd Year
Record: 14-12
Career Record: 38-23

Winston-Salem, N.C. PRESEASON RANK **9**

Wake Forest
DEMON DEACONS

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 ACC

Official athletic Web site:
www.wakeforestsports.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@CLEMSON	W	45-17
S.11	@EAST CAROLINA	W	34-16
S.18	North Carolina A&T		
S.25	Boston College	W	32-28
O.2	@NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	38-24
O.9	Virginia Tech		
O.23	Florida State	L	24-48
O.30	Duke	W	42-13
N.13	North Carolina	L	34-42
N.20	@MIAMI (FL)		
N.27	@MARYLAND	L	28-41

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/21

OFFENSE

QB	17	Cory Randolph (6-1, 194, r-Jr.)
FB	49	Damon McWhite (6-2, 253, r-So.)
TB	28	Chris Barclay (5-10, 173, Jr.)
LT	73	Wesley Bryant (6-4, 302, r-Jr.)
LG	64	Chad Rebar (6-3, 314, Sr.)
C	76	Blake Lingruen (6-4, 282, r-Sr.)
RG	66	Greg Adkins (6-3, 284, r-Jr.)
RT	75	Steve Vallos (6-3, 297, r-So.)
TE	84	Zac Selmon (6-5, 234, r-Fr.)
WR	80	Jason Anderson (6-3, 195, r-Sr.)
WR	82	Willie Idlette (5-11, 175, r-So.)

DEFENSE

LE	85	Jerome Nichols (6-2, 273, r-Sr.)
NT	57	Goryal Scales (6-0, 283, r-Jr.)
DT	52	Cori Stukes (6-1, 272, r-Jr.)
RE	58	Matthew Robinson (6-2, 226, r-Fr.)
SAM	8	Caron Bracy (6-0, 226, r-Sr.)
MKE	51	Pierre Easley (6-0, 246, r-So.)
WIL	54	Brad White (6-2, 232, r-Sr.)
CB	9	Eric King (5-10, 185, Sr.)
CB	3	Marcus McGruder (5-9, 188, r-Sr.)
FS	22	Josh Gattis (6-2, 196, r-So.)
SS	30	Patrick Ghee (6-2, 204, r-So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Matt Winosky (6-3, 184, r-Jr.)
P	81	Ryan Plackmeier (6-4, 246, Jr.)

After posting a winning record in each of Jim Grobe's first two seasons as their coach, the Demon Deacons (5-7, 3-5) took a step back in 2003, losing four of their final five games. But Wake Forest followers have reason to believe that was an aberration. Grobe returns an experienced squad, and he's expecting major contributions from players who redshirted last season.

Seven starters return on offense, and the Deacons are loaded at the skill positions. Junior quarterback Cory Randolph wasn't always sharp in his first year as a starter, but he's a gifted runner and capable passer. If Randolph falters, Grobe can turn to redshirt freshman Ben Mauk, who had a record-setting high school career. Junior tailback Chris Barclay was second-team All-ACC in 2003, and his 1,895 career rushing yards are the most of any active player in the conference. Senior wideout Jason Anderson has four 100-yard receiving games in his career, the most of any active ACC player.

Also back at receiver are junior Chris Davis and Willie Idlette, a first-team Freshman All-American last year.

Two starters return on the offensive line—center Blake Lingruen and guard/tackle Steve Vallos—but Wake lost a first-team All-ACC pick in guard Tyson Clabo and a second-team choice in tackle Mark Moroz. Craig Jones, who started seven games at guard last season, was dismissed from the team in April for breaking unspecified team rules.

The Demon Deacons scored five defensive TDs in 2003, one more than in the previous eight seasons combined. Heading the defense is senior cornerback Eric King, who made the All-ACC first team last year. He's among eight returning starters on defense, six of whom are seniors. Linebackers include seniors Caron Bracy and Brad White, who made 90 and 78 tackles last year, respectively.

King isn't the only All-ACC first-teamer back for Grobe. Punter Ryan Plackemeier, a strapping 6-4, 246-pound junior, led the ACC and ranked fifth nationally with a 45.6-yard average.

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Groves Stadium
Capacity: 31,500
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:
Jim Grobe, 4th Year
Record: 18-18
Career Record: 51-51-1

Chapel Hill, N.C. PRESEASON RANK 10

North Carolina
TAR HEELS

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 ACC

Official athletic Web site:
www.tarheelblue.com

John Bunting won eight games in his first season as the Tar Heels' coach, three in his second and two in his third. If Bunting can't pull UNC out of its free fall this season, look for his alma mater to try another coach in 2005.

Carolina, with a top-shelf quarterback in senior Darian Durant, should have no trouble scoring. Whether Bunting pulls through will hinge on the development of his defense. He brought in John Gutekunst and Marvin Sanders to coordinate a unit that was abysmal in 2003. Of 117 Division I-A teams, the Heels (2-10, 1-7) ranked 116th in total defense, allowing more than 38 points a game.

North Carolina's defense returns seven starters, but it's still a young unit. Linebacker Larry Edwards, now a sophomore, is a rising star who started the final eight games and recorded 89 tackles. Others back include strong safety Mahlon Carey, who made 96 tackles but isn't assured a starting job. He's battling Gerald Sensabaugh, a transfer who started three years at Division I-AA East Tennessee State.

The Heels got pushed around up front the past two seasons, and they welcome the addition of 6-6, 297-pound freshman end Khalif Mitchell. Three starting linemen are back.

Offense isn't a concern in Chapel Hill. Durant is one of eight starters back, though two are tailbacks: senior Jacque Lewis and sophomore Ronnie McGill.

McGill rushed for 654 yards and seven TDs. At fullback is Madison Hedgecock, who started at defensive end last year.

On the line, three senior starters are back: center Jason Brown and tackles Willie McNeill and Skip Seagraves. Starters Jarwarski Pollock and Derrele Mitchell return at receiver, which is good news for Durant, the school's career leader in passing yards (6,517), touchdown passes (51) and total offense (7,204 yards). Also back is speedster Mike Mason.

Pollock will return punts, and Mason ranked third in the ACC in kickoff returns. Sophomore David Wooldridge is a solid punter (45.1-yard average).

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Kenan Stadium
Capacity: 60,000
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:
John Bunting, 4th Year
Record: 13-24
Career Record: 51-38-2

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	William & Mary		
S.11	@VIRGINIA	L	13-38
S.18	Georgia Tech	L	24-41
S.25	Louisville		
O.2	@FLORIDA STATE	L	0-37
O.9	North Carolina State	L	34-47
O.16	@UTAH		
O.30	Miami (FL)		
N.6	Virginia Tech		
N.13	@WAKE FOREST	W	42-34
N.20	@DUKE	L	22-30

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/22

OFFENSE

QB	4	Darian Durant (5-11, 217, Sr.)
FB	44	Madison Hedgecock (6-3, 260, Sr.)
TB	25	Ronnie McGill (5-11, 206, So.)
LT	76	Willie McNeill (6-5, 291, Sr.)
LG	78	Kyle Ralph (6-4, 295, Jr.)
C	72	Jason Brown (6-3, 328, Sr.)
RG	77	Charlston Gray (6-3, 299, Fr.)
RT	75	Skip Seagraves (6-5, 280, Sr.)
TE	86	Jon Hamlett (6-5, 247, So.)
WR	1	Derrele Mitchell (6-3, 212, Jr.)
WR	5	Jarwarski Pollock (5-8, 170, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Khalif Mitchell (6-6, 297, Fr.)
DT	96	Isaiah Thomas (6-4, 318, So.)
DT	95	Chase Page (6-5, 288, Sr.)
DE	80	Tommy Davis (6-2, 256, Jr.)
SAM	8	Tommy Richardson (6-1, 223, Jr.)
MKE	30	Fred Sparkman (6-2, 242, So.)
WIL	32	Larry Edwards (6-3, 232, So.)
CB	16	Jacoby Watkins (6-0, 170, So.)
CB	1	Lionell Green (6-1, 180, Sr.)
SS	14	Gerald Sensabaugh (6-2, 210, Sr.)
FS	45	David Wooldridge (6-1, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	48	Heath Martin (5-10, 184, So.)
P	45	David Wooldridge (6-1, 190, So.)

Durham, N.C. PRESEASON RANK 11

Duke
BLUE DEVILS

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-6 ACC

Official athletic Web site:
www.goduke.com

Ted Roof passed his audition in impressive fashion, and the Blue Devils' long-suffering fans hope to see more progress in 2004. Roof, named interim coach Oct. 19 after Carl Franks' dismissal, guided Duke to two victories in his five games at the helm. Under Roof, the Devils snapped a 30-game losing streak in ACC play by hammering Georgia Tech, and ended the season by beating rival North Carolina for the first time in 14 years. Small wonder, then, that Duke removed the interim from Roof's title.

Roof has added five new assistant coaches, and in February landed the highest-rated recruiting class to sign with Duke in years. For all the excitement around the program, however, the Blue Devils are likely to struggle in the expanded ACC. Duke (4-8, 2-6) has five starters back on offense and eight on defense, but none made first- or second-team All-ACC in 2003. The Devils suffered substantial losses. Gone are two players who made first-team All-ACC—tailback Chris Douglas and defensive tackle Matt Zielinski. Douglas graduated as Duke's all-time leading rusher.

The Blue Devils averaged only 17.6 points last season, the fewest of any ACC team, and may have trouble scoring again this season. Four regulars must be replaced on the offensive line, and each was at least a three-year starter. Senior Christian Mitchell is back at tackle, but the Devils' second-most-experienced lineman, junior tackle Jim Moravchik, has started only three games.

Roof has three options at quarterback: sophomore Mike Schneider, who passed for 1,220 yards last season; senior Chris Dapolito; and sophomore Curt Dukes, an option specialist who sat out last season after transferring from Nebraska. The QBs have veteran targets in wideouts Lance Johnson and Senterrio Landrum and tight end Andy Roland, all returning starters.

Duke's defense lost three all-conference performers, so talent may be an issue. Experience won't. Of the Devils' eight returning starters, six are seniors, and the other two are juniors. Punter Trey McDonald and kicker Matt Brooks are back.

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Wallace Wade Stadium
Capacity: 33,941
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:
Ted Roof, 1st Year
Record: 2-3 (Interim)
Career Record: 2-3 (Interim)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@NAVY		
S.11	@CONNECTICUT		
S.18	@VIRGINIA TECH		
S.25	Maryland	L	20-33
O.2	Citadel		
O.16	@GEORGIA TECH	W	41-17
O.23	Virginia	L	0-27
O.30	@WAKE FOREST	L	13-42
N.6	@FLORIDA STATE	L	7-56
N.13	Clemson	L	7-40
N.20	North Carolina	W	30-22

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/21

OFFENSE

QB	7	Mike Schneider (6-3, 215, So.)
TB	33	Cedric Dargan (6-0, 200, Jr.)
LT	65	Christian Mitchell (6-7, 325, Sr.)
LG	73	Chris Best (6-5, 305, Jr.)
C	66	Tyler Krieg (6-5, 300, So.)
RG	77	Lavdrim Bauta (6-5, 290, So.)
RT	79	Jim Moravchik (6-6, 300, Jr.)
TE	89	Andy Roland (6-5, 235, Jr.)
WR	82	Lance Johnson (6-1, 185, Sr.)
WR	28	Ronnie Elliott (5-9, 185, Jr.)
WR	21	Senterrio Landrum (5-9, 185, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Micah Harris (6-4, 255, Sr.)
DT	51	Casey Camero (6-5, 265, So.)
DT	91	Orrin Thompson (6-7, 320, Sr.)
DE	48	Phillip Alexander (6-4, 255, Sr.)
LB	30	Brendan Dewan (6-2, 210, Jr.)
LB	13	Giuseppe Aguanno (6-1, 240, Sr.)
LB	22	Malcolm Ruff (6-1, 250, Jr.)
CB	38	John Talley (5-11, 175, So.)
CB	3	Kenneth Stanford (5-9, 180, Sr.)
FS	23	Brian Greene (6-1, 190, Jr.)
SS	17	Alex Green (6-2, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	26	Matt Brooks (6-1, 190, Sr.)
P	18	Trey McDonald (6-2, 210, Sr.)

BIG EAST *Predicted order of finish:*

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Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Chris Henry**, WR, West Virginia
Best hands: **Chris Henry**, WR, West Virginia
Best passing QB: **Dan Orlovsky**, Connecticut
Best option QB: **Rasheed Marshall**, West Virginia
Most elusive RB: **Kay-Jay Harris**, West Virginia
Best instincts: **Rasheed Marshall**, QB, West Virginia
Best athlete: **Walter Washington**, QB, Temple
Best under pressure: **Adam Jones**, CB/RS, West Virginia
Top NFL prospect: **Rob Petitti**, OL, Pittsburgh
Top impact freshman: **Joe Fields**, QB, Syracuse
Hardest hitter: **Scott Gyorko**, LB, West Virginia
Biggest underachiever: **Berkeley Hutchinson**, LB, Rutgers

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Rich Rodriguez**, West Virginia
Best recruiter: **Greg Schiano**, Rutgers
Coach on the spot: **Paul Pasqualoni**, Syracuse

Don't be surprised if ...

West Virginia runs the table. It is 10-0 the past two seasons against the current Big East teams. The Mountaineers have gone 6-1 each of the past two seasons, with the loss both times coming to Miami.

One man's opinion

"I think Boston College will be a team to reckon with because I think that quarterback (Paul Peterson) is a difference-maker. They were a different team when he was in there."

—a Big East assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Boston College
The Eagles loaded up; big catch is linebacker Brian Toal.

2. West Virginia
The prizes of the class are back Raymond Williams, receiver Brandon Barrett.

3. Pittsburgh
Went south and plucked linebacker Vernon Smith of Ft. Lauderdale.

4. Rutgers
Kept Lakewood, N.J., back Dwayne Jones at home.

5. Syracuse
Houston quarterback Joe Fields enrolled in January.

6. Temple
Not much glamour, as juco kicker Ryan Lux of California may be best recruit.

7. Connecticut
Class is big in numbers (27); defensive lineman Dan Davis may be best of bunch.

Official conference Web site: www.bigeast.org

After coming so 'Neer the past two seasons, expect WVU to grab hold to top and not let go

By Mike Harris
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The only definite thing for 2004 in the Big East Conference is that Miami's streak of being the league's Bowl Championship Series representative is going to end at four.

Miami is off to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Virginia Tech, which grabbed the 1999 BCS slot out of the Big East, is gone to the ACC, too.

So it seems that the remaining teams in the Big East's transition year would see this as a grand opportunity to grab something that has been out of their reach.

They do, and they should.

The problem for six of the seven teams is that the program that has probably been the best overall in league play the past two seasons—West Virginia—isn't going anywhere.

West Virginia's last two seasons have been highlighted by sluggish starts and embarrassing bowl defeats. In between, the Mountaineers played some dominant ball in league contests. They conquered everybody—except Miami (and they came painfully close to doing that last season). No one doubted that, at the end of last regular season, West Virginia was the best team in the league. Alas, the early-season win over WVU gave Miami a tiebreaker edge and another trip to the BCS. The Mountaineers had to settle for the Gator Bowl, and a second whipping of the season from Maryland.

This year, West Virginia features a nice blend of talent at the skill positions, and its lines on both sides of the ball should be dominant.

Games to watch

Boston College at West Virginia, Nov. 13
Could be playing for a BCS slot.

Connecticut at Boston College, Sept. 17
Friday night special a good gauge for the Huskies.

West Virginia at Pittsburgh, Nov. 25
Will Mountaineers be giving thanks for a league title?

If the Mountaineers don't get a BCS berth this season, they can't blame Miami.

Boston College appears to be the biggest threat to West Virginia's hopes. The Eagles finished with three straight victories last season, including wins at Virginia Tech and over Colorado State in the San Francisco Bowl. Boston College is the only team in the nation to win a bowl game every year since 2000.

This will be BC's last season in the Big East. It, too, moves over to the ACC, but its "transfer" didn't get worked out as quickly as Miami's and Virginia Tech's.

With the departures, Connecticut joins the league a year earlier than planned. The Huskies closed 2003 with five straight victories and return 16 starters. They're a bowl-caliber team.

Pittsburgh loses a bunch of talent and will be hard-pressed to match its success of recent seasons. Syracuse is a team at the crossroads. It showed improvement last year over 2002, but the Orange still are not what they were in coach Paul Pasqualoni's earlier years there.

Rutgers is improving and could post a shocker or two this season but the Scarlet Knights still aren't championship material.

Street & Smith's ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Dan Orlovsky**, Sr., Connecticut
WR—**Chris Henry**, Jr., West Virginia
WR—**Princell Brockenbrough**, Sr., Pittsburgh
RB—**Walter Reyes**, Sr., Syracuse
RB—**Kay-Jay Harris**, Sr., West Virginia
TE—**David Kashetta**, Sr., Boston College
OL—**Ryan Krug**, Sr., Connecticut
OL—**Rob Petitti**, Sr., Pittsburgh
OL—**Jeff Berk**, Sr., West Virginia
OL—**Adam Terry**, Sr., Syracuse
OL—**Dan Mozes**, So., West Virginia
PK—**Collin Barber**, Sr., Syracuse

DEFENSE

DL—**Mathias Kiwanuka**, Jr., Boston College
DL—**Vince Crochunis**, Sr., Pittsburgh
DL—**Ben Lynch**, Sr., West Virginia
DL—**Jason Hardee**, Sr., West Virginia
LB—**Rian Wallace**, Jr., Temple
LB—**Adam Lehnortt**, Sr., West Virginia
LB—**Maurice Lloyd**, Sr., Connecticut
DB—**Will Blackmon**, Jr., Boston College
DB—**Adam Jones**, Jr., West Virginia
DB—**T.J. Stancil**, Sr., Boston College
DB—**Justin Perkins**, Sr., Connecticut
P—**Brendan Carney**, So., Syracuse

Kay-Jay Harris, RB, WVU

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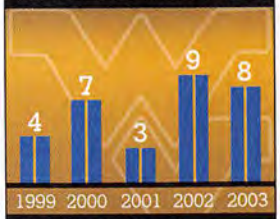
2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	East Carolina	W	48-7
S.11	@UCF	W	36-18
S.18	Maryland	L	7-34
S.25	James Madison		
O.2	@VIRGINIA TECH	W	28-7
O.13	@CONNECTICUT		
O.20	Syracuse	W	34-23
O.30	@RUTGERS	W	34-19
N.6	Temple	W	45-28
N.13	Boston College	W	35-28
N.25	@PITTSBURGH	W	52-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 9
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/19

OFFENSE

QB	2	Rasheed Marshall (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	14	Charles Hales (6-0, 190, Sr.)
FB	25	Hikee Johnson (5-11, 207, Sr.)
	49	Leonard Merriman (6-0, 240, Jr.)
TB	1	Kay-Jay Harris (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	24	Jason Colson (6-1, 215, So.)
LT	75	Mike Watson (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	78	Josh Stewart (6-5, 300, Jr.)
LG	68	Jeff Berk (6-5, 275, Sr.)
	97	Jeremy Sheffey (6-2, 250, So.)
C	57	Jeremy Hines (6-2, 290, So.)
	62	Jeremy Moore (6-3, 290, So.)
RG	76	Dan Mozes (6-3, 290, So.)
		Zac Napier (6-4, 275, r-Fr.)
RT	60	Tim Brown (6-5, 205, Sr.)
	69	Garin Justice (6-7, 295, Jr.)
TE	81	Ryan Thomas (6-7, 250, Sr.)
	49	Josh Bailey (6-5, 250, Jr.)
WR	83	Miquelle Henderson (6-2, 205, Sr.)
		Stefon Ashcraft (5-7, 170, r-Fr.)
WR	5	Chris Henry (6-5, 200, Jr.)
	86	John Pennington (5-9, 175, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DT	99	Ernest Hunter (6-3, 270, Jr.)
	96	Keilen Dykes (6-4, 285, r-Fr.)
NG	92	Ben Lynch (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	66	Craig Wilson (6-2, 300, So.)
DE	95	Jason Hardee (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	90	Warren Young (6-2, 270, So.)
SLB	43	Kevin McLee (6-1, 225, So.)
	59	Jeff Noechel (6-2, 230, Jr.)
MLB	91	Adam Lehnortt (6-3, 230, Sr.)
		Marc Magro (6-2, 240, r-Fr.)
WLB	33	Scott Gyorko (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	42	Jay Henry (6-2, 230, So.)
CB	26	Anthony Mims (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	39	Thandi Smith (5-11, 170, Sr.)
CB	9	Adam Jones (5-11, 180, Jr.)
		Larry Williams (6-1, 190, r-Fr.)
FS	48	Jahmile Addae (5-11, 207, Jr.)
	7	Vince Beamer (6-2, 210, r-Fr.)
SS	23	Mike Lorello (6-8, 185, Jr.)
		Mike Henshaw (5-10, 175, Sr.)
ROV	47	Lawrence Audena (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	18	Abraham Jones (6-1, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	12	Brad Cooper (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	16	Andy Good (6-0, 175, r-Fr.)
P	31	Eric Daugherty (5-11, 190, So.)
		Phil Brady (5-9, 175, Jr.)

1 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 6-1 Big East *(lost to Maryland in the Gator Bowl, 41-7)*

West Virginia

Morgantown, W.Va.

Official athletic Web site: www.msnsportsnet.com

MOUNTAINEERS

Marshall, Henry and Harris give WVU triple-threat offense that won't be denied

Much of the discussion about West Virginia's prospects will center around the return of quarterback Rasheed Marshall, receiver Chris Henry and running back Kay-Jay Harris. There's a reason for that. Few teams can boast of that much skill at those three key positions.

But there's another reason why West Virginia should be able to separate itself from the pack this season.

The Mountaineers figure to be stronger on the lines—yes, both of them—than their Big East brethren.

Everyone who started on the offensive line in the Gator Bowl is back. Plus, tackle Tim Brown returns after missing last season with an injury. Guard Jeff Berk is among the best offensive linemen in the league and guard Dan Mozes, a sophomore, is among the best young offensive linemen in the league.

On the defensive line, West Virginia also returns all of its starters. Tackle Ben Lynch was credited with 11.5 tackles behind the line last season. End Jason Hardee had six sacks.

Chris Henry, *WR*

MARK FRIEDMAN

Now, about those skill guys.

With Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald gone to the NFL, Henry rises to the top of the Big East receiving class. He was the Big East's Rookie of the Year in 2003 as a sophomore, catching 41 balls for 1,006 yards and 10 touchdowns. That's 24.5 yards per catch. There was a big drop-off behind Henry last season. Senior Miquelle Henderson was second on the squad in with only 18 catches.

Marshall, a senior, was second-team All-Big East last season. He threw for 1,729 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also rushed for 303 yards and four touchdowns and threw 10 passes that gained at least 40 yards. Marshall will go over the 5,000-yard passing mark for his career this season (he's at 3,672) barring injury, and he's already over the 1,000-yard rushing mark (1,179).

The Mountaineers have developed quite a progression at running back. Last year, with Avon Cobourne finally gone, Quincy Wilson stepped in and rushed for 1,380 yards and 13 touchdowns. Harris, his oft-used understudy, picked up 524 yards and scored four touchdowns. His per-carry average of 5.8 was almost a full yard higher than Wilson. He should top the 1,000-yard mark this season. He also caught five passes for a 22.2-yard average.

West Virginia's biggest losses came on the defensive side. Gone is All-America linebacker Grant Wiley, a four-year starter, and all-league safety Brian King.

But seniors Adam Lehnortt and Scott Gyorko are a strong linebacker combination. Lehnortt made 139 tackles last season, fourth in the league, while Gyorko had 119.

The star of the secondary will be junior cornerback Adam "PacMan" Jones, a second-team All-Big East player who also handles the return chores (he averaged 26.3 yards on kickoff returns with one touchdown). Junior safety Mike Lorello had 106 tackles last season. Safety Jahmile Addae returns for his junior year after missing 2003 with an injury.

Brad Cooper, a senior, is back at kicker. He's not an all-league guy but he's capable. Cooper was 11-for-18 on field goals last season, including 10-of-11 inside 40 yards. The Mountaineers will break in a new punter, probably sophomore Eric Daugherty.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Mountaineer Field **Capacity:** 63,500 **Turf:** Artificial	**Rich Rodriguez,** 4th Year **Record:** 20-16 **Career Record:** 65-52-2	**Rick Trickett** (assistant head coach/OL), **Jeff Casteel** (def. coordinator), **Steve Bird** (WRs), **Tony Gibson** (DBs), **Herb Hand** (TEs/recruiting coordinator), **Bill Kirelawich** (DL), **Calvin Magee** (RBs), **Bill Stewart** (QBs/special teams), **Bruce Tall** (safeties)

BIG EAST

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 3-4 Big East *(beat Colorado State in the San Francisco Bowl, 35-21)*

Boston College

Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Official athletic Web site: www.bceagles.com

EAGLES

Eagles hope to carry over late-season 'mo' from 2003 behind late-blooming star QB Peterson

After 10 games of the 2003 season, Boston College was 5-5. The Eagles were coming off home losses to Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Several streaks were in jeopardy—a streak of four straight bowl appearances and a streak of four seasons with at least seven victories among them.

One simple change appeared to make a major difference.

Paul Peterson, a junior-college transfer, took over for Quinton Porter at quarterback.

Boston College finished the season by winning at Rutgers, at Virginia Tech and against Colorado State in the San Francisco Bowl. It scored 35 points in two of the games, 34 in the other. Perhaps the quarterback change was coincidence. Most think not.

Petersen finished the season with 1,124 passing yards and 10 touchdowns. Porter's numbers were 1,764 yards and 14 touchdowns. They're competing again and BC coach Tom O'Brien might redshirt the "loser" and save him for 2005. But, after the impressive turnaround under Peterson, it's hard to imagine him "losing" if healthy.

The loss of tailback Derrick Knight is a blow. Knight gained 1,721 yards last season and became BC's all-time rushing leader.

But BC always comes up with a 1,000-yard rusher—the concern was as great when William Green left and Knight took care of that. However, the lack of experience is shocking. Besides the quarterbacks, sophomore Jeff Ross is the only Eagle who gained rushing yards a year ago. He had all of 33 in two games. But the Eagles have two touted redshirt freshmen in L.V. Whitworth and Andre Callender.

The receiving corps is intact with seniors Grant Adams and Joel Hazard returning. Larry Lester, who moved from cornerback after last season began, could be fun to watch. He caught five touchdown passes in 2003, two of them in the bowl victory. Tight end David Kashetta, a senior, had four scoring receptions.

Boston College always has a strong offensive line. Junior center Pat Ross and junior tackle Jeremy Trueblood are the veterans. When BC moves into the ACC for 2005, it could take its entire line—no senior figures to start this season.

The best defensive player in the Big East may wear BC colors. Junior defensive end

TOMASSO DEROSA

Mathias Kiwanuka, *DE*

Mathias Kiwanuka, a 6-8, 249-pounder, is the only returnee among the All-Big East defensive linemen. He had 11.5 sacks a year ago, best in the league. He had 16 tackles for losses. The other end is senior Phillip Mettling, who had five sacks in 2003.

Junior Ray Henderson is an experienced linebacker. Brian Toal was one of BC's most high-profile recruits and he may have an impact as a true freshman.

In the defensive backfield, junior cornerback Will Blackmon will lead an experienced group. He made second-team all-league last season when he had 64 tackles and four interceptions. Blackmon is also a big-time return specialist. He set a league record with 922 kickoff-return yards in 2003.

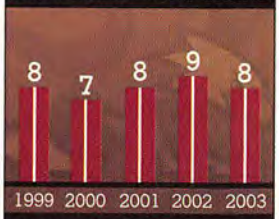
The Eagles play many of what appear to be their bigger games on the road, visiting Pittsburgh, Notre Dame and West Virginia. The "away" designation didn't bother them last season, as BC was 5-1 away from home, winning at Penn State, Syracuse and Virginia Tech.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Alumni Stadium **Capacity:** 44,500 **Turf:** Artificial	**Tom O' Brien,** 8th Year **Record:** 48-36 **Career Record:** 48-36	**Jerry Petercuskie** (assistant head coach/recruiting coordinator/special teams), **Dana Bible** (off. coordinator/QBs/WRs), **Frank Spaziani** (def. coordinator), **Don Horton** (OL), **Bill McGovern** (LBs), **Jason Swepson** (RBs), **Kevin Lempa** (DBs), **Jim Bridge** (TEs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	@BALL STATE	W	53-29
S.11	Penn State	W	27-14
S.17	Connecticut	W	24-14
S.25	@WAKE FOREST	L	28-32
O.2	Massachusetts		
O.16	@PITTSBURGH	L	13-24
O.23	@NOTRE DAME	W	27-25
N.6	Rutgers	W	35-25
N.13	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	28-35
N.20	@TEMPLE	W	38-13
N.27	Syracuse	L	14-39

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 34/20

OFFENSE

QB	18	Paul Peterson (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	15	Quinton Porter (6-5, 224, Sr.)
FB	39	Everett Lee (5-11, 208, Sr.)
	47	Paddy Lynch (6-2, 236, So.)
TB	38	Jeff Ross (6-0, 199, So.)
	35	L.V. Whitworth (6-0, 215, r-Fr.)
LT	72	Jeremy Trueblood (6-9, 295, Jr.)
	74	Ryan Poles (6-5, 295, r-Fr.)
LG	70	James Marten (6-8, 285, So.)
	67	Tom Anevski (6-4, 272, r-Fr.)
C	66	Pat Ross (6-4, 280, Jr.)
	65	Chris Hathy (6-4, 282, Jr.)
RG	75	Josh Beekman (6-3, 320, So.)
	60	Joe Graziose (6-4, 287, So.)
RT	77	Gosder Cherilus (6-7, 290, r-Fr.)
	54	Tyler Hall (6-4, 278, r-Fr.)
TE	86	Dave Kashetta (6-3, 248, Sr.)
	95	Justin Hinds (6-4, 271, Sr.)
WR	5	Grant Adams (6-0, 189, Sr.)
	6	Larry Lester (5-7, 185, Jr.)
WR	84	Joel Hazard (5-9, 184, Sr.)
	82	Jason Lilly (6-1, 215, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Mathias Kiwanuka (6-6, 249, Jr.)
	92	Myran Hunter (6-2, 233, Sr.)
DT	58	Justin Bell (6-3, 275, So.)
	59	Danny Zepp (6-4, 270, So.)
DT	96	Tim Bulman (6-3, 280, Sr.)
	91	Robert Ziminski (6-3, 251, So.)
DE	93	Phillip Mettling (6-2, 257, Sr.)
	57	Nick Larkin (6-4, 241, r-Fr.)
LB	55	Ricky Brown (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	48	Tyronne Pruitt (5-11, 218, r-Fr.)
LB	3	Ray Henderson (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	40	JoLonn Dunbar (6-1, 220, r-Fr.)
LB	42	Jon Misiewicz (6-3, 216, Jr.)
	10	Dan Berglund (6-3, 217, So.)
CB	1	Will Blackmon (6-0, 175, Jr.)
	30	DeJuan Tribble (5-10, 186, r-Fr.)
CB	19	Peter Shean (5-9, 177, Sr.)
	9	Larry Anam (6-0, 193, So.)
FS	23	T.J. Stancil (6-1, 202, Sr.)
	44	Jamie Silva (5-11, 207, r-Fr.)
SS	4	Jazzmen Williams (5-8, 183, Jr.)
	24	Ryan Glasper (6-0, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

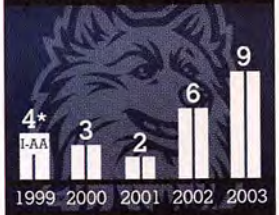
PK	11	Mike Fassel (5-11, 172, Sr.)
P	62	William Troost (5-9, 150, Jr.)

BIG EAST

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Murray State		
S.11	Duke		
S.17	@BOSTON COLLEGE	L	14-24
S.25	Army	W	48-21
S.30	Pittsburgh		
O.13	West Virginia		
O.23	Temple		
O.30	@SYRACUSE		
N.13	@GEORGIA TECH		
N.20	Buffalo	W	38-7
N.25	@RUTGERS	W	38-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/18

OFFENSE

QB	7	Dan Orlovsky (6-5, 236, Sr.)
	16	Matt Bonislawski (6-4, 208, So.)
FB	30	Deon Anderson (5-10, 245, Jr.)
	8	Sam Dorvil (5-11, 236, So.)
TB	44	Terry Caulley (5-7, 187, Jr.)
	33	Cornell Brockington (6-0, 195, So.)
LT	73	Ryan Krug (6-4, 302, Sr.)
	79	Chad Atwell (6-4, 280, Fr.)
LG	54	Brian Markowski (6-2, 288, Sr.)
	62	T.J. Dlubac (6-2, 308, Jr.)
C	58	Billy Irwin (6-2, 287, Sr.)
	56	Jeff Fox (6-2, 296, Sr.)
RG	72	Craig Berry (6-5, 321, So.)
	75	Brian Kersmanc (6-5, 306, Fr.)
RT	78	Grant Preston (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	74	Michael Kodish (6-5, 294, Jr.)
TE	91	Tim Lassen (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	46	Dan Murray (6-5, 250, So.)
WR	1	Keron Henry (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	17	Matt Cutaia (5-11, 184, Sr.)
WR	83	Brandon Young (6-0, 197, Jr.)
	80	Jason Williams (6-0, 178, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	52	Tyler King (6-6, 262, Sr.)
	4	Harold Stanback (6-2, 219, Fr.)
LT	76	Deon McPhee (6-2, 284, Jr.)
	57	Matt Applebaum (6-4, 278, Jr.)
RT	93	Rhema Fuller (6-3, 279, So.)
	53	Ray Blagman (6-3, 332, So.)
DE	40	Shawn Mayne (6-3, 238, So.)
	59	Jason Ward (6-3, 259, So.)
SLB	32	James Hargrave (5-11, 226, Jr.)
	20	Kinnan Herriott (5-11, 219, Sr.)
MLB	9	Alfred Fincher (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	51	Darius Leak (6-1, 256, So.)
WLB	11	Maurice Lloyd (5-11, 234, Sr.)
	47	Taurien Sowell (6-1, 232, Jr.)
CB	2	Justin Perkins (5-11, 187, Sr.)
	23	Cathlyn Clarke (5-11, 191, Jr.)
CB	26	Allan Barnes (6-0, 179, So.)
	41	Ernest Cole (5-10, 180, So.)
FS	35	M.J. Estep (6-0, 190, So.)
	15	Donnell Ford (6-0, 194, Fr.)
SS	12	John Fletcher (5-9, 186, Sr.)
	21	Donta Moore (6-1, 193, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	98	Matt Nuzie (5-11, 195, So.)
	94	Graig Vicidomino (6-2, 196, So.)
P	6	Chris Pavasaris (6-3, 213, Fr.)

3 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 9-3 overall

Connecticut

Storrs, Conn.

Official athletic Web site: www.uconnhuskies.com

HUSKIES

Caulley, Huskies hopeful of making big splash in first year as full-fledged Big East football member

Connecticut had a 9-3 season last year that raised a few eyebrows. You know the kind: "Is that for real?"

It just might be.

With the defections of Miami and Virginia Tech, the timetable for the Huskies' entrance into the football side of things was moved up a year. They'll compete with virtually the same team they had last season, so they'll find out more about their legitimacy.

Connecticut won its final five games. OK, so it wasn't against anyone's idea of a murderers' row. But the Huskies did give N.C. State a challenge on the road in their last game before the streak started and did put up 51 points up at Wake Forest in the season finale.

The Huskies scored at least 34 points in every game during the streak and averaged 477.5 yards per game. Only Boston College in 1993 had a better per-game average of current Big East teams.

Nine offensive starters return, with the focal point being senior quarterback Dan Orlovsky, who put up silly numbers last season. Orlovsky completed 58.7 percent of his passes for 3,485 yards and 33 touchdowns. Twice he threw for five scores in a game.

The Huskies protect him well. They gave up 10 sacks last season, a mark bettered by just two teams. Four of five line starters return, led by senior tackle Ryan Krug. Senior guard Brian Markowski and senior center Billy Irwin help make for an ultra-experienced line.

In the backfield, Connecticut will have some choices. Junior Terry Caulley was the nation's leading rusher with 607 yards and seven touchdowns before injuring a knee early in the fifth game against Virginia Tech. Sophomore Cornell Brockington became the team's top rusher, finishing with 643 yards. Junior Deon Anderson returns at fullback.

The big hit Connecticut took on offense was at receiver, where graduated Shaun Feldeisen led the way with 65 catches for 860 yards. This year, Orlovsky's favorite target figures to be senior Keron Henry, who had 39 catches for 662 yards and four touchdowns. Junior Brandon Young caught 28 balls for 399 yards and four scores.

Connecticut's defense was almost as suspect as its offense was productive. The Huskies gave up fewer than 10 points only once (to Buffalo) and allowed at least 30 five times. Experience—seven starters return—should help tighten that up some.

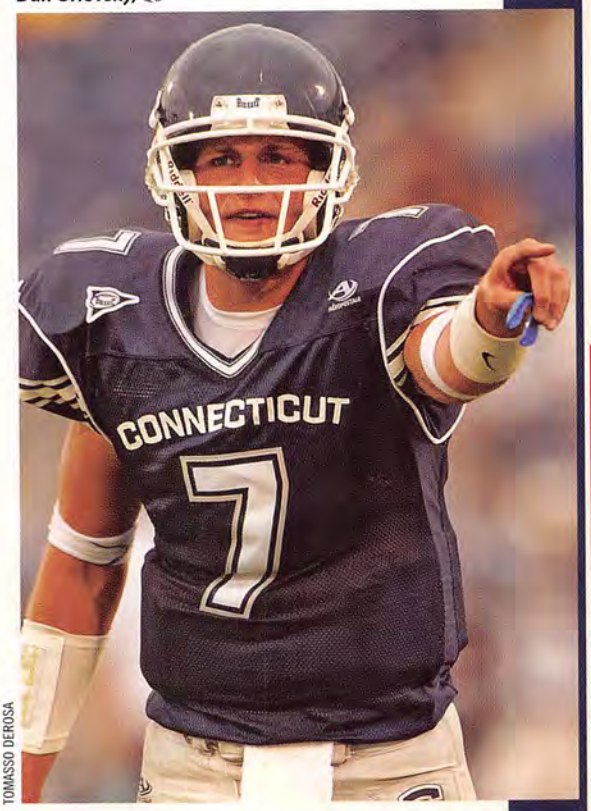
The linebacking duo of seniors Maurice Lloyd and Alfred Fincher is strong. They had a combined 25.5 tackles for loss last season. Lloyd was credited with 96 solo tackles. James Hargrave, a junior, also returns at linebacker after registering three sacks among his 74 tackles last year.

Senior cornerback Justin Perkins led the team with six interceptions. John Fletcher, another senior, returns at safety.

Three of the four defensive starters lost resided on the line, leaving senior end Tyler King as the lone returnee. That's not a bad place to start. He had 17 tackles behind the line in 2003, including nine sacks.

True freshmen could end up with both kicking jobs: Tony Ciaravino on placements and Shane Hussar on punts.

Dan Orlovsky, *QB*



TOMASSO DEROSA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Rentschler Field **Capacity:** 40,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Randy Edsall,** 6th Year **Record:** 24-33 **Career Record:** 24-33	**Norries Wilson** (off. coordinator/centers and guards), **Hank Hughes** (def. coordinator/DL), **Rob Ambrose** (QBs), **Lyndon Johnson** (recruiting coordinator/OLBs), **Scott Lakatos** (DBs), **Vinny Marino** (WRs), **Dave McMichael** (special teams/tackles and tight ends), **Todd Orlando** (LBs), **Terry Richardson** (RBs)

BIG EAST

PRESEASON RANK **4**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-2 Big East *(lost to Virginia in the Continental Tire Bowl, 23-16)*

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Official athletic Web site: www.pittsburghpanthers.com

PANTHERS

Too many missing parts for Panthers to expect better than .500 as post-Fitzgerald days begin

Losing big-time players is part of the deal and, with early entry into the pro ranks so common these days, it happens with more frequency. The good teams adjust. And Pitt has adjusted well in the past. It has replaced such quarterbacks as John Turman and David Priestley, made do without receiver Antonio Bryant.

But the replacement factor at Pitt this year is bigger than big. The Panthers' offense takes not one huge hit but two.

Quarterback Rod Rutherford was All-Big East last season when he threw for 3,679 yards and 37 touchdowns. He completed 59.8 percent of his passes. He had an efficiency rating of 157.4.

And he's not even Pitt's biggest loss.

Receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 2003, heads to the NFL after only two years with Pitt. All he did last season was catch 92 passes for 1,672 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Oh, yeah, let's toss in big-time tight end Kris Wilson (44 catches, 645 yards, 9 TDs) in with the "tough-to-replace" guys.

The quarterback thing doesn't figure to get settled until August. Tyler Palko backed up Rutherford in 2002 and then took a redshirt season. Luke Getsy backed up Rutherford last season, completing three of 13 passes. Redshirt freshman Joe Flacco may become a factor.

Senior Princell Brockenbrough and sophomore Greg Lee split the job opposite Fitzgerald in 2003 and will be Pitt's primary receivers this year. Brockenbrough caught 35 balls for 616 yards, with Lee coming up with 10 for 211 as a true freshman. Freshman Donald Brooks enrolled in January—a year later than expected after an auto accident—and could be a future star.

Junior Jawan Walker had 407 rushing yards last year. Senior Raymond Kirkley led Pitt with 645 yards as a true freshman in 2001. He sat out last season as a redshirt and his return gives Pitt two experienced backs. Senior Tim Murphy must step in and replace four-year starter Lousaka Polite at fullback.

Up front, senior tackle Rob Petitti is as good as anyone in the country. The only other returning lineman is guard John Simonitis. Pitt allowed a league-worst 47 sacks last season, a number that could be a killer for a young quarterback.

Seven starters return on defense, where Pitt suffered some major letdowns in 2003. The Panthers gave up at least 28 points in three of their final four games during the regular season, including 52 in a heartbreaking loss at West Virginia.

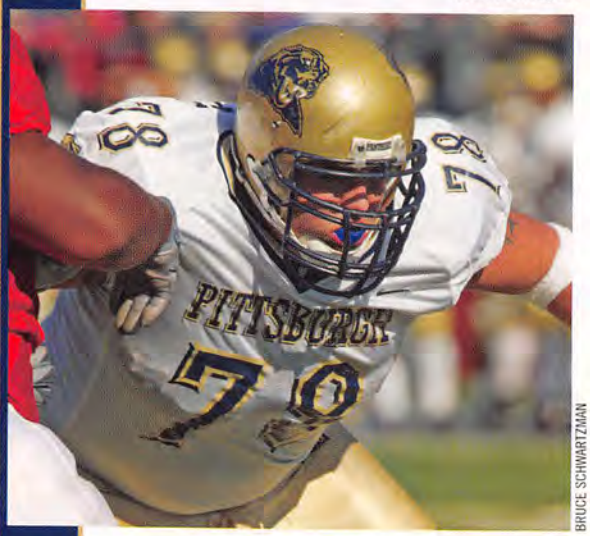
The line should be good, featuring senior end Thomas Smith and tackles Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens. Smith had eight tackles behind the line last season. Crochunis and Stephens are both seniors who will be starting for the third season. Crochunis' 54 tackles last year topped the Panthers' defensive linemen.

Sophomore Clint Session will be asked to step in for four-year starter Lewis Moore at middle linebacker. He'll play beside junior Brian Bennett, who had three sacks and 118 tackles last season.

Seniors Tyrone Gilliard and Tez Morris return for their third seasons at safety and will be joined in the secondary by two new corners. Allen Richardson, a true freshman cornerback who joined the team in January, could figure prominently.

Kicker David Abdul's production dropped off last season. He spent the offseason recovering from a February car accident. Punter Andy Lee is gone after four years as a starter and now works for the San Francisco 49ers, who used a sixth-round draft pick on the two-time Big East Special Teams Player of the Year. Sophomore Adam Graessle looks to replace him.

Rob Petitti, *LT.*



BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Heinz Field **Capacity:** 65,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Walt Harris,** 8th Year **Record:** 44-40 **Career Record:** 55-64	**Bob Junko** (assistant head coach/DTs), **Paul Rhoads** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Bill Bleil** (TEs/tackles), **Pete Carmichael** (WRs), **Curtis Bray** (LBs), **Bryan Deal** (recruiting coordinator/specialists/QBs), **Tom Freeman** (run game coordinator/OL), **Wayne Moses** (RBs), **Charlie Partridge** (DEs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.6	@SOUTH FLORIDA		
S.11	Ohio		
S.18	Nebraska		
S.25	Furman		
S.30	@CONNECTICUT		
O.9	@TEMPLE	W	30-16
O.16	Boston College	W	24-13
O.23	Rutgers	W	42-32
N.6	@SYRACUSE	W	34-14
N.13	@NOTRE DAME	L	14-20
N.25	West Virginia	L	31-52

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/22

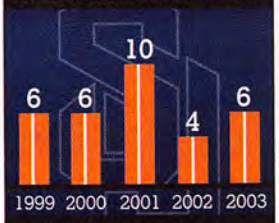
OFFENSE		
QB	11	Luke Getsy (6-2, 220, Jr.)
	3	Tyler Palko (6-2, 220, Jr.)
FB	23	Tim Murphy (5-10, 235, Sr.)
	38	Kellen Campbell (6-0, 230, Sr.)
TB	43	Raymond Kirkley (5-10, 225, Sr.)
	34	Jawan Walker (5-10, 215, Jr.)
LT	78	Rob Petitti (6-6, 330, Sr.)
	74	Dale Williams (6-5, 295, Sr.)
LG	72	Rob Frederick (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	68	Matt Maiers (6-3, 290, Sr.)
C	62	Justin Belarski (6-3, 285, Sr.)
	64	Chris Vangas (6-2, 300, So.)
RG	60	John Simonitis (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	67	Mike DeLuca (6-3, 290, So.)
RT	63	Mike McGlynn (6-5, 320, So.)
	77	Kevin Harris (6-5, 285, Sr.)
TE	45	Erik Gill (6-5, 265, Sr.)
	84	Steve Buches (6-3, 240, Jr.)
SE	8	Princell Brockenbrough (6-3, 205, Sr.)
	80	Terrell Allen (6-0, 185, So.)
FL	86	Greg Lee (6-2, 180, So.)
	2	Joe DelSardo (5-8, 200, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	41	Azzie Beagnyam (6-1, 245, Jr.)
	54	Charles Sallet (6-0, 225, Jr.)
NT	96	Vince Crochunis (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	93	Jake Holthaus (6-1, 285, Sr.)
DT	94	Dan Stephens (6-2, 295, Sr.)
	57	Andy Alleman (6-4, 260, Jr.)
DE	60	Thomas Smith (6-4, 275, Sr.)
	88	Kyle Smith (6-5, 240, So.)
SAM	44	Brian Bennett (6-0, 235, Jr.)
	51	H.B. Blades (5-11, 245, So.)
MLB	17	Clint Session (5-11, 230, So.)
	37	Chris McKillop (6-2, 230, So.)
WILL	21	J.J. Horne (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	6	Malcolm Postell (6-1, 235, Sr.)
CB	22	Reggie Carter (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	10	Mike Phillips (5-11, 180, So.)
CB	9	Josh Lay (6-2, 195, Jr.)
	5	Kennard Cox (6-1, 180, So.)
FS	20	Tez Morris (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	24	Jemeel Brady (6-0, 190, So.)
SS	31	Tyrone Gilliard (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	46	Sam Bryant (6-0, 210, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	16	David Abdul (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	28	J.B. Gibboney (5-9, 175, Sr.)
P	18	Adam Graessle (6-4, 205, So.)
		Steve Bowers (6-0, 210, So.)

BIG EAST

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	@PURDUE		
S.11	@BUFFALO		
S.18	Cincinnati		
S.25	@VIRGINIA		
O.2	Rutgers	L	7-24
O.9	Florida State		
O.20	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	23-34
O.30	Connecticut		
N.6	Pittsburgh	L	14-34
N.13	@TEMPLE	W	41-17
N.27	@BOSTON COLLEGE	W	39-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 25/15

OFFENSE

QB	16	Xzavier Gaines (6-4, 198, Jr.)
	5	Joe Fields (6-0, 213, Fr.)
FB	35	Greg Hanoian (6-2, 264, Sr.)
	48	Stephen McDonald (6-0, 248, So.)
TB	39	Walter Reyes (5-10, 209, Sr.)
	1	Damien Rhodes (6-1, 210, Jr.)
LT	78	Adam Terry (6-8, 312, Sr.)
	62	Brent Caldwell (6-3, 284, So.)
LG	71	Steve Franklin (6-3, 311, Jr.)
	65	Chris Thorner (6-4, 291, So.)
C	75	Matt Tarullo (6-5, 322, Sr.)
	60	Justin Outten (6-1, 284, So.)
RG	72	Jason Greene (6-5, 296, Jr.)
	59	Carroll Madison (6-2, 337, r-Fr.)
RT	69	Quinn Ojinnaka (6-5, 290, Jr.)
	73	Kurt Falke (6-6, 309, Jr.)
TE	85	Joe Kowalewski (6-3, 259, Jr.)
	88	Alex Shor (6-6, 263, Jr.)
WR	12	Jared Jones (5-11, 199, Sr.)
	32	Todd Lisi (6-0, 202, Sr.)
WR	80	Andre Fontenette (6-2, 226, Sr.)
	25	Steve Gregory (5-11, 186, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	James Wyche (6-5, 264, Jr.)
	94	Ryan LaCasse (6-2, 244, Jr.)
NT	91	Eugene Brown (6-2, 284, Jr.)
	51	Tony Jenkins (6-2, 278, r-Fr.)
DT	70	Kader Drame (6-5, 287, Jr.)
	83	Shadeed Harris (6-3, 275, So.)
DE	56	Julian Pollard (6-4, 258, Sr.)
	99	Cornelius Campbell Jr. (6-4, 275, r-Fr.)
SLB	8	Kelvin Smith (6-2, 235, So.)
	92	Tommy Harris (6-2, 241, Jr.)
MLB	57	Jerry Mackey (6-1, 248, So.)
	52	Jameel McClain (6-1, 248, r-Fr.)
WLB	41	Kellen Pruitt (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	30	Vincenzo Giruzzi (6-4, 219, r-Fr.)
CB	28	Tanard Jackson (6-0, 177, So.)
	4	Terrell Lemon (5-10, 170, So.)
CB	29	Thomas Whitfield (5-9, 190, Jr.)
	6	Donte Williams (6-0, 171, Jr.)
FS	20	Anthony Smith (6-0, 186, Jr.)
	36	Reggie McCoy (6-0, 181, RF)
SS	22	Diamond Ferri (5-10, 218, Sr.)
	21	O'Neil Scott (6-0, 202, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	Collin Barber (6-1, 216, Sr.)
	37	Ricky Krautman (5-8, 176, So.)
P	47	Brendan Carney (6-5, 201, So.)
	19	Collin Barber (6-1, 216, Sr.)

5 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 6-6 overall, 2-5 Big East

Syracuse

Syracuse, N.Y.

Official athletic Web site: www.suathletics.com

ORANGE

Reyes may be Big East's best RB, but freshman QB from Houston is Pasqualoni's Fields of dreams

Pretty much every team has a number or two that is special. At Syracuse, top-flight quarterbacks Donovan McNabb and Marvin Graves wore No. 5.

Attach whatever significance you will to the fact that freshman quarterback Joe Fields was given No. 5 when he enrolled in January. The Houston product went through spring drills with the Orange. Perhaps his getting the number is a mere coincidence and means nothing beyond the number itself.

Or perhaps not.

The 6-1, 214-pounder passed for 1,823 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior in the Texas prep ranks.

Technically, junior Xzavier Gaines and sophomore Perry Patterson remain in the picture. But this job will almost certainly go to Fields.

One thing is absolutely certain: Any quarterback who plays for Syracuse this season will be throwing his first collegiate pass.

Fields will give the Orange three serious running threats. Senior Walter Reyes rushed for 1,347 yards and scored 20 touchdowns in 2003. He's already Syracuse's career rushing-touchdowns leader with 38. He can catch, too, as his 38 receptions prove. Junior Damien Rhodes is a capable complement. He missed seven games last season with an ankle injury, but has 691 yards in two seasons.

Syracuse is looking for some receivers and is giving converted cornerback Steve Gregory a look. He played the spot in high school. Senior Jared Jones is the most experienced receiver. He was third on the team last season behind departed Johnnie Morant and Reyes with 36 catches for 340 yards.

Three of the Orange's five returning offensive starters are linemen: seniors Matt Tarullo and Adam Terry and junior Steve Franklin. Terry is a tackle who was second-team all-league. Tarullo moves from guard to center, a spot held down four years by Nick Romeo. Junior Jason Greene will move into the vacated guard spot. Syracuse allowed just 15 sacks last season, which tied for the best in the Big East with West Virginia.

The defense won't have any more experience than the offense, as only five starters return on that side, too. Senior safety Diamond Ferri is a gem. He had 120 tackles last season. Junior Anthony Smith, who had 106, is also back.

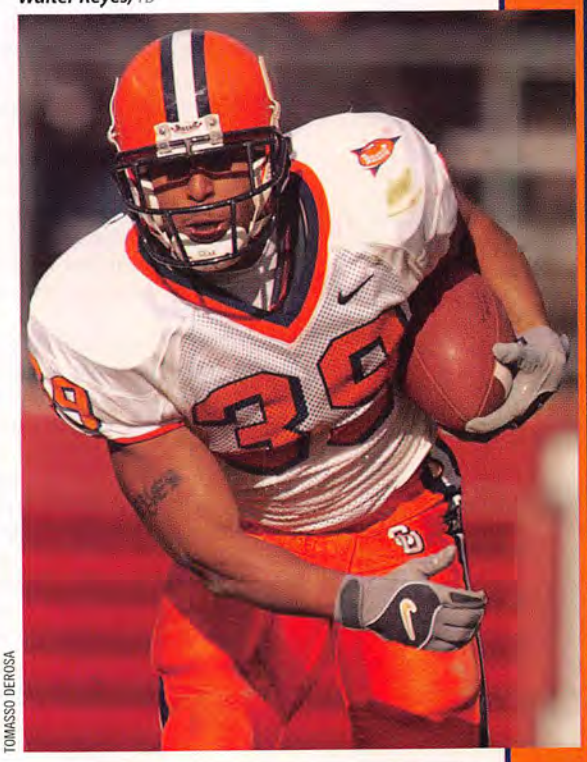
Rich Scanlon will be missed at linebacker. Junior Kellen Pruitt and sophomore Kelvin Smith return. Pruitt had 8.5 tackles for loss last season.

Junior James Wyche, an end, is the only returnee on the line. Senior Julian Pollard made 23 tackles as a reserve and will assume the full-time duties at the other end. Junior tackle Kader Drame made four starts last season.

Syracuse's special teams may be the best in the league. Senior kicker Collin Barber and sophomore punter Brendan Carney both made second-team all-league. Carney averaged 43 yards per punt, with 18 of his boots going at least 50 yards.

Syracuse scored four touchdowns on special teams and blocked five kicks. Coach Paul Pasqualoni, entering his 14th year at Syracuse, has seen his teams score 30 special-teams touchdowns, with at least one per season every year since 1991. Syracuse has blocked 22 kicks since 2000.

Walter Reyes, *TB*



TOMASSO DEROSA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Carrier Dome **Capacity:** 50,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Paul Pasqualoni,** 14th Year **Record:** 101-53-1 **Career Record:** 135-70-1	**Steve Bush** (QBs), **George DeLeone** (associate head coach/OL), **Steve Dunlap** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Dennis Goldman** (WRs), **Jim Reid** (DL), **Chris Rippon** (assistant head coach/special teams/safeties), **David Walker** (RBs), **Chris White** (recruiting coordinator/TEs)

BIG EAST

Piscataway, Nj. PRESEASON RANK 6

Rutgers SCARLET KNIGHTS

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-5 Big East

Official athletic Web site: www.scarletknights.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Michigan State	L	28-44
S.11	New Hampshire		
S.18	Kent State		
O.2	@SYRACUSE	W	24-7
O.9	@VANDERBILT		
O.16	Temple	W	30-14
O.23	@PITTSBURGH	L	32-42
O.30	West Virginia	L	19-34
N.6	@BOSTON COLLEGE	L	25-35
N.20	@NAVY	W	48-27
N.25	Connecticut	L	31-38

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/13

OFFENSE

QB	13	Ryan Hart (6-2, 195, Jr.)
FB	23	Brian Leonard (6-2, 230, So.)
RB	21	Justise Hairston (6-1, 210, So.)
OT	78	Ron Green (6-6, 320, Sr.)
OG	73	Brian Duffy (6-5, 315, Sr.)
C	3	William Vogt (6-3, 285, Jr.)
OG	76	John Glass (6-5, 320, Sr.)
OT	79	Sameeh McDonald (6-5, 300, Sr.)
TE	47	Ray Pilch (6-3, 240, Sr.)
WR	8	Tres Moses (5-10, 180, Sr.)
WR	4	Shawn Tucker (6-2, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Val Barnaby (6-5, 270, Jr.)
DE	91	Ryan Neill (6-3, 245, Sr.)
DT	95	Gary Gibson (6-4, 290, Sr.)
DT	93	David Harley (6-1, 330, Sr.)
LB	3	Terry Bynes (6-2, 210, Jr.)
LB	55	Devraun Thompson (5-11, 215, So.)
LB	35	William Beckford (6-1, 220, Jr.)
CB	43	Joe Porter (5-9, 175, So.)
CB	31	Eddie Grimes (6-1, 180, Sr.)
FS	33	Jason Nugent (6-1, 210, Jr.)
SS	20	Jarvis Johnson (5-11, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Mike Cortese (6-3, 205, Jr.)
P	30	Joe Radigan (6-5, 240, So.)

Signs of life finally appeared last season at Rutgers. Maybe, just maybe, this doormat thing wouldn't be permanent after all. The Scarlet Knights didn't really challenge any of the Big Boys, but they didn't get slapped around by the little boys. The next big step probably won't come this year, but there's no reason to think Rutgers will regress, either.

Rutgers had its best offensive season in 10 years. The Knights passed for at least one score in every game and had 10 games where someone gained 100 yards. They scored at least 10 points in every game and had 22 or more in 10 games.

Eight of those offensive starters are back, led by junior quarterback Ryan Hart. He is the first legitimate Division I quarterback Rutgers has had in a while. His 2,714 pasing yards last season were a school record (as were his 234 completions and 398 attempts). Hart is seriously good, not just good for Rutgers.

Another huge offensive weapon is sophomore fullback Brian Leonard, who rushed 213 times for a team-best 880 yards and caught 53 passes for 488 yards. He ended up with 86 points on 14 touchdowns and a two-point conversion, the best point total by a Rutgers player since 1973. Leonard is a 6-2, 230-pounder with sprinter's speed.

Sophomore Justise Hairston is another big back (6-1, 210) who had 550 yards and eight touchdowns last season, totals that would have been higher if not for a knee injury.

The Hart-Hairston-Leonard backfield gives Rutgers three strong weapons that will be around at least two more seasons.

Leonard was one of three Rutgers players to catch at least 50 balls, and the other two are back as well in senior Tres Moses (52) and junior Shawn Tucker (50).

Seven starters return on the defensive side, led by senior safety Jarvis Johnson. Junior linebacker Berkeley Hutchinson has yet to fulfill his promise. His 2003 season was cut short by a knee injury. A breakout year by Hutchinson, rated as one of the best prep linebackers coming out of Long Branch (N.J.) High two years ago, would be huge for the Scarlet Knight defense.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Rutgers Stadium **Capacity:** 41,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Greg Schiano,** 4th Year **Record:** 8-27 **Career Record:** 8-27

Philadelphia, Pa. PRESEASON RANK 7

Temple OWLS

2003 Record: 1-11 overall, 0-7 Big East

Official athletic Web site: www.owlsports.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Virginia		
S.11	@MARYLAND		
S.18	Florida A&M		
S.25	@TOLEDO		
O.2	Bowling Green		
O.9	Pittsburgh	L	16-30
O.16	@RUTGERS	L	14-30
O.23	@CONNECTICUT		
N.6	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	28-45
N.13	Syracuse	L	17-41
N.20	Boston College	L	13-38

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/18

OFFENSE

QB	11	Walter Washington (6-2, 240, Jr.)
RB	10	Jamel Harris (6-1, 186, So.)
RB	34	Umar Ferguson (6-0, 210, Jr.)
LT	78	John Gross (6-6, 285, Jr.)
LG	66	Stephen Bell (6-6, 310, Jr.)
C	50	C.J. Blomvall (6-2, 305, Sr.)
RG	56	Chris Harris (6-4, 300, Sr.)
RT	70	Elliot Seifert (6-8, 295, So.)
TE	15	Collin Hannigan (6-5, 255, Sr.)
WR	1	Phil Goodman (6-3, 215, Sr.)
WR	9	Ikey Chuku (6-3, 196, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	45	Mike Mendenhall (6-3, 250, Jr.)
NT	99	Antwon Burton (6-3, 310, Sr.)
DT	58	Adam Fichter (6-3, 285, Jr.)
DE	89	Rodney Wormley (6-4, 240, Jr.)
SAM	44	Troy Bennett (6-2, 240, Sr.)
WIL	17	Rian "Goo" Wallace (6-4, 245, Jr.)
OLB	35	Sadeke Konte (6-1, 215, Sr.)
CB	2	Pete McBride (5-10, 180, Sr.)
CB	20	Ray Lamb (5-11, 180, Sr.)
FS	23	Durrel Davis (5-11, 185, So.)
SS	28	Lawrence Wade (6-0, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	Roger Price (5-10, 165, Jr.)
P	37	Mike McLaughlin (6-1, 210, Jr.)

Temple's final season in the Big East figures to be like most of its other seasons in the Big East.

The Owls will play hard. They'll do things right, because Temple coach Bobby Wallace is considered one of the game best's technicians. They'll scare a good team or two. But they'll lose most, if not all, of their games.

The Owls have good players; they just don't have nearly enough of them and their limbo league situation isn't the best weapon for Wallace and staff to use in recruiting. They have relied heavily on the junior-college ranks the past two years.

Temple was 1-11 last season, dropping Wallace's six-year record at the school to 17-51. A heartbreaker against Virginia Tech was one of three overtime games the Owls lost.

The standouts on each side of the ball are junior quarterback Walter Washington and junior linebacker Rian Wallace.

Washington had 579 rushing yards and 1,265 passing yards last season while only starting five games. He had 605 passing yards and 340 rushing yards in the final three games against Tech, Pittsburgh and West Virginia. His 151 rushing yards against Tech were the most by a Temple quarterback and the only time an Owls QB has topped the 100 mark. He did it again with 117 against West Virginia.

Wallace was second-team all-league last season when he had 148 tackles, 19.5 of which came behind the line. Along with senior Troy Bennett (84 tackles), he gives Temple an experienced linebacking corps.

Phil Goodman, a senior, had 47 catches in his first season at Temple last year. Senior Ikey Chuku, who has twice had knee surgery, caught 20 passes.

In the backfield, Washington's help will likely come from junior-college transfer Tim Brown, who had 1,354 yards at City College of San Francisco last season.

Kicking was a misery for Temple in 2003. Wallace hopes Ryan Lux, a Junior College All-American who enrolled in January, can solve that problem. It was a missed extra point that sent Temple to its overtime defeat against Virginia Tech.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Lincoln Financial Field **Capacity:** 68,532 **Turf:** Grass	**Bobby Wallace,** 7th Year **Record:** 17-51 **Career Record:** 99-87-1

BIG TEN *Predicted order of finish:*

#1 ▶p.38
#2 ▶p.39
#3 ▶p.40
#4 ▶p.41
#5 ▶p.42
#6 ▶p.43
#7 ▶p.44
#8 ▶p.45
#9 ▶p.46
#10 ▶p.47
#11 ▶p.47

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Carl Tabb**, WR, Michigan
Best hands: **Taylor Stubblefield**, WR, Purdue
Best passing QB: **Kyle Orton**, Purdue
Best running QB: **Michael Robinson**, Penn State
Most elusive RB: **Anthony Davis**, Wisconsin
Best instincts: **Jim Leonhard**, DB, Wisconsin
Best athlete: **Steve Breaston**, WR, Michigan
Best under pressure: **Rhys Lloyd**, PK, Minnesota
Top NFL prospect: **Braylon Edwards**, WR, Michigan
Top impact freshman: **Ted Ginn**, DB, Ohio State
Hardest hitter: **Abdul Hodge**, LB, Iowa
Biggest underachiever: **Eric Knott**, TE, Michigan State

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Joe Tiller**, Purdue
Best recruiter: **Jim Tressel**, Ohio State
Coach on the hot seat: **Ron Turner**, Illinois

Don't be surprised if ...

Michigan slips just a bit and there's a three-way tie for the league title.

One man's opinion

"Minnesota can run the ball on anyone. It showed that against Michigan last year. But it has to do the other things—and it can—to win a championship."
—a Big Ten assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Michigan
Quarterback Chad Henne is a Drew Henson reincarnate.
2. Ohio State
Cornerback/return man Ted Ginn is as explosive as any newcomer in the nation.
3. Michigan State
Offensive tackle Roland Martin is a dominating run blocker.
4. Penn State
Quarterback Anthony Morelli can throw as hard as anyone.
5. Wisconsin
Quarterback Sean Lewis was the best player at his position in Illinois.
6. Iowa
Juco CB Walner Belleus should help immediately.
7. Purdue
Offensive tackle Sean Sester has the monstrous size Joe Tiller loves.
8. Illinois
Linebacker/fullback Russ Weil is a two-time state wrestling champ.
9. Minnesota
Quarterback John Carlson can win with his arm and his feet.
10. Indiana
Quarterback Mike Vlahogeorge had eye-popping stats through the air.
11. Northwestern
It was quality, not quantity, with just 13 scholarships.

Official conference Web site: www.bigten.org

Quarterback vacuum, favorable schedule may allow Wolverines to roam at the top

By Jack Ebling
Street & Smith's correspondent

Less than two years removed from a national title, with a record eight bowl participants last winter and more 2004 NFL draftees than any other conference, the Big Ten is back as a serious player in the college football universe.

So what if the league had just one other shared crown since 1968? Who cares if the Big Ten was a big dud in some of its biggest games in the past quarter-century?

This year's conference race could be one of the most competitive in history. Yes, Michigan is the favorite again. The sun will set in the West tonight, too. But if the Wolverines blink, at least six other teams could play for a trophy in late November.

The biggest reason? New starting quarterbacks in Ann Arbor, Columbus, Iowa City, Minneapolis, East Lansing and Madison. Michigan's John Navarre, Ohio State's Craig Krenzel, Iowa's Nathan Chandler, Minnesota's Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Michigan State's Jeff Smoker and Wisconsin's Jim Sorgi are gone from campus, if not from the record books.

If you buy the theory that championship teams usually need experienced quarterbacks, this might be the year for Purdue (Kyle Orton) or even Penn State (Zack Mills) to take charge.

That idea also bodes well for Northwestern (Brett Basanez) and 2003 bottom-feeders Illinois (Jon Beutjer) and Indiana (Matt LoVecchio). The Fighting Illini and Hoosiers better hope so after a combined 1-15 conference showing.

Games to watch

Iowa at Michigan, Sept. 25
The Big Ten title could be determined on the first day of league play, not the last one.

Minnesota at Wisconsin, Nov. 6
One of these teams could be in it all the way. The other could drop out in early November.

Michigan at Ohio State, Nov. 20
Can the Buckeyes prevail for the third time in four years? They'll have to if they want a championship.

Every head coach in the league returns. So do the Big Ten's top two receivers (Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield and Michigan's Braylon Edwards), its leader in interceptions (Wisconsin's Jim Leonhard) and its No. 1 scorer (Purdue kicker Ben Jones).

A key component again this season is the Big Ten schedule, one thing no coach can control. Purdue will have the best home lineup, hosting the Wolverines and Buckeyes. Michigan won't face Penn State or Wisconsin. Iowa won't meet Indiana or Northwestern. And Ohio State skips Illinois and Minnesota. The Buckeyes also get the Wolverines in Ohio Stadium on Nov. 20.

That final Saturday of conference play isn't the end of the regular season for everyone. Northwestern and Michigan State wind up with games at Hawaii and would be wise to win them if they plan to finish 7-5, the minimum standard for bowl participation with a 12-game schedule. If not, at least they'll have had a moment in the sun.

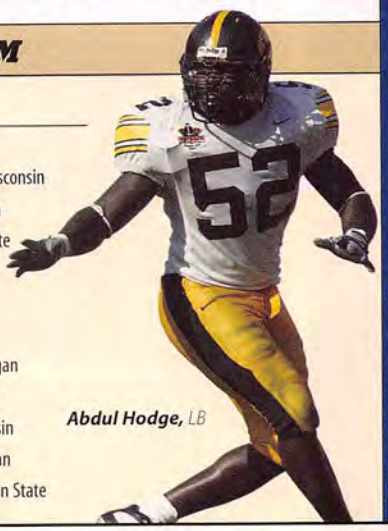
Street & Smith's ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Kyle Orton**, Sr., Purdue
WR—**Braylon Edwards**, Sr., Michigan
WR—**Taylor Stubblefield**, Sr., Purdue
RB—**Anthony Davis**, Sr., Wisconsin
RB—**Marion Barber III**, Jr., Minnesota
TE—**Tony Paciotti**, Sr., Wisconsin
OL—**Zach Strief**, Jr., Northwestern
OL—**Greg Eslinger**, Jr., Minnesota
OL—**Nick Mangold**, Jr., Ohio State
OL—**David Baas**, Sr., Michigan
OL—**Rian Melander**, Sr., Minnesota
PK—**Mike Nugent**, Sr., Ohio State

DEFENSE

DL—**Matt Roth**, Sr., Iowa
DL—**Anttaj Hawthorne**, Sr., Wisconsin
DL—**Jodie Clemons**, Sr., Indiana
DL—**Simon Fraser**, Sr., Ohio State
LB—**Abdul Hodge**, Jr., Iowa
LB—**Chad Greenway**, Jr., Iowa
LB—**A.J. Hawk**, Jr., Ohio State
DB—**Marlin Jackson**, Sr., Michigan
DB—**Dustin Fox**, Sr., Ohio State
DB—**Jim Leonhard**, Sr., Wisconsin
DB—**Ernest Shazor**, Sr., Michigan
P—**Brandon Fields**, Jr., Michigan State



Abdul Hodge, *LB*

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 7-1 Big Ten *(lost to Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, 28-14)*

Michigan

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Official athletic Web site: www.mgoblue.com

WOLVERINES

With Edwards & Co. forming nation's best wideout corps, it's hard to pick against Big Blue

The Wolverines had dreams of a share of the national title until they became Rose Bowl road kill, courtesy of Southern California. But Lloyd Carr's team could improve on last season's numbers—7-1 in Big Ten play, 10-3 overall and a No. 6 final ranking.

To have any chance of doing that, Michigan will have to replace two mainstays: John Navarre, who started 42 games at quarterback, and running back Chris Perry, who carried 51 times at Michigan State.

Navarre answered most of his critics with 3,331 passing yards and 24 touchdowns in his fifth year at Ann Arbor. An All-Big Ten performance ended with two TD tosses to Braylon Edwards in a 35-21 win over the Buckeyes, the game that kept the Wolverines from spending New Year's Day in Florida for the sixth straight year.

The heir apparent under center is sophomore Matt Gutierrez, 13-for-19 as a passer in 2003. The Concord (Calif.) De La Salle product has never led a team to a loss and doesn't plan to do that in September, even with Notre Dame out to avenge a 38-0 pounding. Gutierrez's backup, redshirt-freshman lefty Clayton Richard, made strides in the spring.

Perry might be missed a lot more after rushing for 1,674 yards and winning the Doak Walker Award. He was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player, a fourth-place finisher for the Heisman Trophy and a first-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Four returnees combined to rush for just 618 yards last season. But don't be surprised if two of them team for more than 1,500 this time. Senior David Underwood and sophomore Jerome Jackson should split the starting job initially. But sophomore Pierre Rembert, senior Tim Bracken and heralded freshmen Max Martin and Mike Hart will be waiting impatiently.

The strength of Michigan's offense will be the nation's best receiving corps. Every quarterback on campus got better when Edwards chose to return after catching 85 balls for 1,138 yards and 14 touchdowns last season. Junior Jason Avant and eye-popping sophomore Steve Breaston would be No. 1 options in almost any other program. And tight end Tim Massaquoi might have had his team's biggest play last year by hustling to recover a fumble in a miraculous comeback at Minnesota.

The offensive line will have to replace All-Big Ten tackle Tony Pape and solid center Dave Pearson. But with second-team All-American David Baas back at left guard or wherever Carr decides to use him, the blocking should be better than average. Tackle Adam Stenavich and guard Matt Lentz also started 13 games as sophomores.

The defensive line is a question with the loss of three starters, though 6-foot-8 end Pat Massey is tough for any quarterback to throw over. Junior tackle Gabe Watson is trimmer at 333 pounds, while sophomore end LaMarr Woodley is a future All-American.

Junior outside linebacker Pierre Woods was a force even against USC's speed. Junior 'backer Lawrence Reid started every game last season. And at least five other candidates for playing time provide exceptional depth.

The strength of the defense has to be the secondary, however. Senior standout Marlin Jackson will return to cornerback after an unsatisfying year at safety. Junior Markus Curry will man the other corner position. Junior Ernest Shazor already looks and hits like a pro. And sophomore safety Ryan Mundy is a name to remember.

If the Wolverines lose three games again, it won't be because they're short of talent. Expect a return to the Rose Bowl and a rematch with the Trojans to cap Carr's 10th season as coach.

Braylon Edwards, *WR*

PAUL JASIENSKI

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 4	Miami (OH)		
S. 11	@NOTRE DAME	W	38-0
S. 18	San Diego State		
S. 25	Iowa	L	27-30
O. 2	@INDIANA	W	31-17
O. 9	Minnesota	W	38-35
O. 16	@ILLINOIS	W	56-14
O. 23	@PURDUE	W	31-3
O. 30	Michigan State	W	27-20
N. 13	Northwestern	W	41-10
N. 20	@OHIO STATE	W	35-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/27

OFFENSE

QB	12	Matt Gutierrez (6-4, 230, So.)
	10	Clayton Richard (6-4, 227, Fr.)
FB	32	Kevin Dudley (6-1, 237, Sr.)
	35	Brian Thompson (6-2, 235, So.)
TB	5	David Underwood (6-0, 227, Sr.)
	24	Jerome Jackson (5-11, 198, So.)
LT	79	Adam Stenavich (6-5, 313, Jr.)
	72	Rueben Riley (6-3, 311, So.)
LG	75	David Baas (6-5, 307, Sr.)
	57	Adam Kraus (6-6, 291, Fr.)
C	54	Mark Bihl (6-4, 301, So.)
	65	Leo Henige (6-4, 331, Jr.)
RG	67	Matt Lentz (6-6, 316, Jr.)
	71	Tom Berishaj (6-4, 325, So.)
RT	72	Rueben Riley (6-3, 311, So.)
	77	Jake Long (6-7, 331, Fr.)
TE	88	Tim Massaquoi (6-4, 249, Jr.)
	89	Tyler Ecker (6-6, 249, Jr.)
FLK	1	Braylon Edwards (6-3, 210, Sr.)
	15	Steve Breaston (6-1, 181, So.)
WR	8	Jason Avant (6-1, 209, Jr.)
	17	Carl Tabb (6-2, 193, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Pat Massey (6-8, 276, Jr.)
	91	Rondell Biggs (6-2, 278, So.)
NT	78	Gabe Watson (6-4, 333, Jr.)
	93	Alex Ofili (6-3, 289, Jr.)
DT	96	Larry Harrison (6-3, 313, So.)
	92	Will Paul (6-3, 264, Fr.)
DE	56	Lamarr Woodley (6-2, 268, So.)
	58	Roy Manning (6-2, 240, Sr.)
SAM	99	Pierre Woods (6-5, 248, Jr.)
	2	Shawn Crable (6-5, 234, Fr.)
MKE	36	Scott McClintock (6-2, 243, Jr.)
	45	Dave Harris (6-2, 246, So.)
WIL	42	Lawrence Reid (6-1, 219, Jr.)
	6	Prescott Burgess (6-3, 228, So.)
CB	30	Markus Curry (5-11, 183, Sr.)
	29	Leon Hall (5-11, 193, So.)
CB	3	Marlin Jackson (6-1, 194, Sr.)
	4	Darnell Hood (5-11, 191, So.)
FS	21	Ryan Mundy (6-1, 209, So.)
	19	Willis Barringer (6-0, 201, So.)
SS	25	Ernest Shazor (6-4, 226, Jr.)
	28	Jacob Stewart (6-0, 212, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	38	Garrett Rivas (5-9, 210, So.)
	10	Troy Nienberg (6-2, 172, Sr.)
P	39	Adam Finley (6-4, 209, Jr.)
	2	Mark Spencer (6-0, 213, So.)

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Michigan Stadium
Capacity: 107,501
Turf: Field Turf

HEAD COACH:
Lloyd Carr, 10th Year
Record: 86-26
Career Record: 86-26

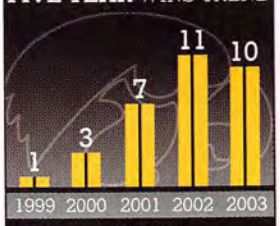
ASSISTANT COACHES:
Mike DeBord (special teams/recruiting coordinator), **Erik Campbell** (assistant head coach/WRs), **Ron English** (defensive secondary), **Jim Herrmann** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Fred Jackson** (associate head coach/RBs), **Scot Loeffler** (QBs), **Terry Malone** (off. coordinator/TEs), **Andy Moeller** (OL), **Bill Sheridan** (DL), **Steve Morrison** (OLBs), **Mark Collins** (OL)

BIG TEN

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Kent State		
S.11	Iowa State	W	40-21
S.18	@ARIZONA STATE	W	21-2
S.25	@MICHIGAN	W	30-27
O.2	Michigan State	L	10-20
O.16	Ohio State	L	10-19
O.23	@PENN STATE	W	26-14
O.30	@ILLINOIS	W	41-10
N.6	Purdue	L	14-27
N.13	@MINNESOTA	W	40-22
N.20	Wisconsin	W	27-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/24

OFFENSE

QB	5	Drew Tate (6-0, 185, So.)
	16	Jason Manson (6-1, 185, So.)
FB	43	Aaron Mickens (5-10, 232, Sr.)
	35	Tom Busch (5-11, 231, Fr.)
TB	29	Jermelle Lewis (5-11, 216, Sr.)
	23	Marcus Schnoor (6-1, 205, Jr.)
LT	70	Lee Gray (6-6, 315, Jr.)
	73	C.J. Barkema (6-8, 295, Jr.)
LG	76	Mike Jones (6-5, 304, So.)
	58	Blake Larsen (6-7, 310, Jr.)
C	54	Mike Elgin (6-4, 267, So.)
	76	Todd Plagman (6-5, 305, Fr.)
RG	59	Ben Cronin (6-5, 288, Jr.)
	75	Ben Gates (6-6, 261, Jr.)
RT	69	Pete McMahon (6-7, 323, Sr.)
	68	Jacob Bowers (6-5, 283, Sr.)
TE	81	Tony Jackson (6-3, 265, Sr.)
	49	Mike Follett (6-5, 257, Jr.)
WR	11	Ed Hinkel (6-1, 183, Jr.)
	84	Matt Melloy (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	22	Calvin Davis (6-1, 199, So.)
	86	Warren Holloway (5-10, 184, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Derreck Robinson (6-5, 287, Sr.)
	99	Bryan Mattison (6-3, 242, Fr.)
DT	60	Tyler Luebke (6-1, 280, Sr.)
	65	Alex Willcox (6-2, 280, Fr.)
DT	45	Jonathan Babineaux (6-2, 281, Sr.)
	72	George Eshareturi (6-3, 305, Fr.)
DE	31	Matt Roth (6-4, 261, Sr.)
	92	Ken Iwebema (6-4, 242, Fr.)
LB	50	George Lewis (6-2, 237, Sr.)
	27	Edmond Miles (6-1, 217, So.)
LB	52	Abdul Hodge (6-2, 232, Jr.)
	40	Mike Klinkenborg (6-2, 230, Fr.)
LB	18	Chad Greenway (6-4, 240, Jr.)
	27	Edmond Miles (6-1, 217, So.)
CB	26	Jovon Johnson (5-9, 172, Jr.)
	36	Chigozie Ejiasi (6-0, 200, Sr.)
CB	20	Antwan Allen (5-10, 176, Jr.)
	10	Walner Belleus (5-10, 180, Jr.)
FS	37	Sean Considine (6-0, 202, Sr.)
	39	Chris Brevi (6-2, 212, Fr.)
SS	25	Marcus Paschal (6-0, 192, So.)
	15	Miguel Merrick (6-0, 197, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	1	Kyle Schlicher (5-9, 184, So.)
P	28	David Bradley (6-2, 205, Sr.)

2 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 5-3 Big Ten *(beat Florida in the Outback Bowl, 37-17)*

Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa

Official athletic Web site: www.hawkeyesports.com

HAWKEYES

If soph Tate can handle QB reins, Hawkeye defense may take Ferentz to third straight bowl

If it's hard to imagine the Hawkeyes posting double-digit wins again, it was every bit as difficult last summer. But even without 2002 Heisman Trophy runner-up Brad Banks at quarterback, coach Kirk Ferentz's program beat Michigan for the second straight year, walloped Florida 37-17 in the Outback Bowl and went 10-3 in a rebuilding year.

That gave Iowa 21 triumphs in two seasons, the most in school history, including 12 straight victories at home and its first January triumph since 1959. And that was with eight starters missing at least two games due to injuries.

This year's departures start with Outland Trophy winner Robert Gallery, one of the top offensive tackles in Big Ten history and the No. 2 choice in the NFL Draft. Also gone are Nathan Chandler, a pleasant surprise at quarterback; Fred Russell, who rushed for 1,470 yards; Bob Sanders, a three-time All-Big Ten safety; and Nate Kaeding, a Lou Groza Award winner who set 14 Iowa scoring records.

The good news in Iowa City is that seven starters return from the Big Ten's stingiest defense (16.2 points per game), including what could be the best set of linebackers in the country. Abdul Hodge (141 stops) and Chad Greenway (132) were first and third in the conference in tackles as sophomores and should be better this season.

The secondary can be excellent again, even without Sanders wreaking havoc. Three returning starters—junior cornerbacks Jovon Johnson and Antwan Allen and senior safety Sean Considine—combined for 10 of Iowa's 16 interceptions last year.

The defensive line suffered significant losses. But end Matt Roth, an All-America candidate, had 16 tackles for losses as a junior. And senior tackles Tyler Luebke and Jonathan Babineaux have played enough winning football to show they're capable of making big plays.

The Hawkeyes might have to create some turnovers until a retooled offense gains consistency. Ferentz can choose from four sophomore quarterbacks: 2003 backup Drew Tate and totally unproven Jason Manson, Eric McCollom and Cy Phillips. It's Tate's job to lose after a solid effort in spring ball.

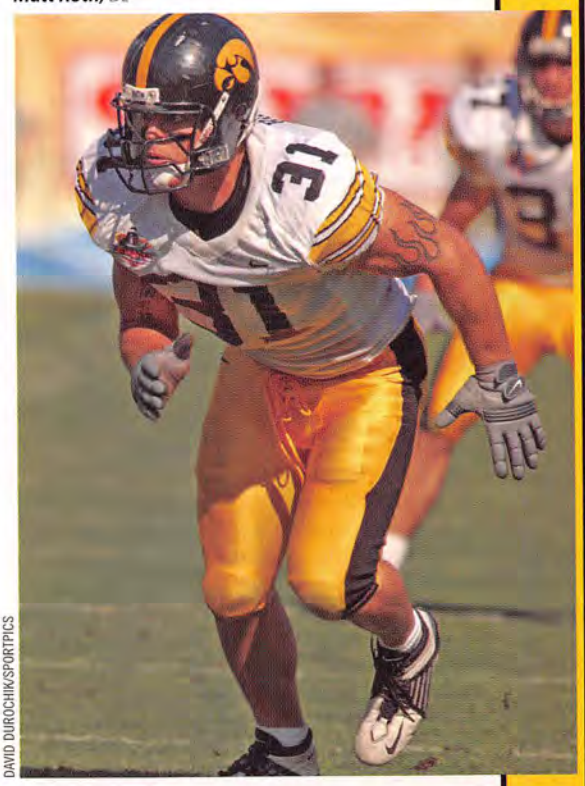
When Russell decided to skip his final season of college football, senior Jermelle Lewis moved from spot performer to ball-carrier on the spot. Junior Marcus Schnoor and redshirt freshman Albert Young will push Lewis for playing time.

Junior Ed Hinkel and sophomore Calvin Davis were part-time starters at wide receiver and combined for 33 catches. They'll have to do a lot better than that to replace Ramon Ochoa and Maurice Brown. But the key to the offense could be a retooled line, led by guard-turned-tackle Pete McMahon and sophomore guard Mike Jones.

David Bradley is back to handle the punting for the fourth straight year. The same can't be said of Kaeding, so sophomore Kyle Schlicher has huge shoes to fill on field-goal attempts.

The most important returnee, however, is Ferentz, a Hayden Fry disciple and arguably the league's best coach. His staff is back as well. And after finishing ranked No. 8 in the nation again and playing in January in back-to-back years for the first time, it's dumb to doubt that Iowa can surprise us all for a third straight year.

Matt Roth, *DE*



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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Kinnick Stadium **Capacity:** 70,400 **Turf:** Grass	**Kirk Ferentz,** 6th Year **Record:** 32-30 **Career Record:** 44-51	**Ken O'Keefe** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Norm Parker** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Ron Aiken** (DL), **Lester Erb** (receivers/special teams), **Carl Jackson** (RBs), **Eric Johnson** (recruiting coordinator/TEs), **Reese Morgan** (OL), **Phil Parker** (DBs), **Darrell Wilson** (LBs/special teams),

BIG TEN

PRESEASON RANK **3**

2003 Record: 11-2 overall, 6-2 Big Ten *(beat Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl, 35-28)*

Ohio State

Columbus, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

BUCKEYES

NFL Draft drains Buckeyes of 14 players, but defense will feature a real ball Hawk

With 25 wins the past two seasons, a 32-7 mark in three years with the Buckeyes and the Big Ten's lone undisputed national title in more than a quarter-century, it's no surprise that Jim Tressel could be elected governor in a landslide—though he might not want the demotion.

Last season's 11-2 team lost to Michigan for the first time since 2000 but bounced back well to beat Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl, the scene of Ohio State's overtime upset of Miami less than 12 months earlier.

The 2004 Buckeyes must replace 13 starters after a record 14 players were selected in the NFL Draft, including three first-rounders: defensive end Will Smith, split end Michael Jenkins and cornerback Chris Gamble.

The biggest loss could be quarterback Craig Krenzel, 24-3 as a starter in two-plus seasons. If Krenzel didn't always look the part, it was hard to argue with his big-game results. If sophomores Justin Zwick, the probable starter, and Troy Smith are half as successful on their scoreboard, they'll be huge heroes in Columbus.

They'll be handing the ball off to senior Lydell Ross, who overcame injuries to rush for a team-high 826 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Freshman Tony Pittman, who enrolled in time to impress in spring drills, should also get his share of carries. And senior fullback Branden Joe can move to tailback and move the pile. Maurice Clarett? A distant memory.

With Jenkins gone, the top receiver should be sophomore flanker Santonio Holmes, who had eight catches for 121 yards and two scores against the hated Wolverines and two more TDs against Kansas State. The Florida native reminded some of a young Anthony Carter, the former Michigan and NFL star.

Junior center Nick Mangold returns to anchor the offensive line. He should be as good as any player in the nation at his position. But the only other experienced lineman is versatile senior Mike Kne, who should start at right guard.

Despite the loss of seven starters, Ohio State's defense can count on solid play from stars like junior linebacker A.J. Hawk, senior end Simon Fraser and senior cornerback Dustin Fox. Hawk was All-Big Ten as a sophomore after leading the team in tackles and was defensive MVP of the Fiesta Bowl. Fraser was Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his work against Washington. And Fox led the defense in minutes played last season.

JOE ROBBINS

Simon Fraser, *DE*

Placekicking is a major strength for the Buckeyes with senior Mike Nugent, a first-team All-American and Lou Groza Award finalist. Nugent holds 10 school kicking records. But punter B.J. Sander, the Ray Guy Award winner, is gone.

Tressel had to replace defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio, now the head coach at Cincinnati, and elevated linebackers coach Mark Snyder to that assignment. Secondary coach Mel Tucker will share the coordinator's duties.

Tressel has handled bigger problems in his 18 seasons as a head coach. His 167 career wins trail only Joe Paterno among active Big Ten leaders. And if his team can win on Nov. 20 in the Horseshoe, a 3-1 mark against Michigan will matter more than anything else.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Ohio Stadium **Capacity:** 101,568 **Turf:** Grass	**Jim Tressel,** 4th Year **Record:** 32-7 **Career Record:** 167-64-2	**Jim Bollman** (off. coordinator/OL), **Bill Conley** (recruiting/TEs), **Joe Daniels** (passing game coordinator /QBs), **Darrell Hazell** (WRs), **Dick Tressel** (RBs), **Mark Snyder** (def. coordinator), **Luke Fickell** (LBs), **Tim Spencer** (RBs), **Mel Tucker** (co-def. coordinator/DBs), **Jim Heacock** (assistant head coach/DL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Cincinnati		
S.11	Marshall		
S.18	@NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	44-38 (OT)
O.2	@NORTHWESTERN	W	20-0
O.9	Wisconsin	L	10-17
O.16	@IOWA	W	19-10
O.23	Indiana	W	35-6
O.30	Penn State	W	21-20
N.6	@MICHIGAN STATE	W	33-23
N.13	@PURDUE	W	16-13 (OT)
N.20	Michigan	L	21-35

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/27

OFFENSE

QB	12	Justin Zwick (6-4, 225, So.)
	10	Troy Smith (6-1, 205, So.)
FB	38	Branden Joe (6-4, 245, Sr.)
	43	Brandon Schnittker (6-1, 250, Jr.)
TB	30	Lydell Ross (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	28	Maurice Hall (5-10, 200, Sr.)
LT	77	Rob Sims (6-4, 305, Jr.)
	72	T.J. Downing (6-5, 300, So.)
LG	50	Doug Datish (6-5, 290, So.)
	69	Andree Tyree (6-3, 300, Jr.)
C	55	Nick Mangold (6-4, 280, Jr.)
	73	Steve Winner (6-6, 290, Jr.)
RG	52	Mike Kne (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	64	Adam Olds (6-4, 290, Jr.)
RT	68	Tim Schafer (6-5, 290, So.)
	74	Kirk Barton (6-6, 280, Fr.)
TE	80	Ryan Hamby (6-5, 240, Jr.)
	88	Louis Irizarry (6-5, 235, So.)
SE	8	Roy Hall (6-3, 230, So.)
	84	John Hollins (6-2, 205, Sr.)
FLK	4	Santonio Holmes (5-11, 185, So.)
	3	Bam Childress (5-10, 185, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	75	Simon Fraser (6-6, 250, Sr.)
	99	Jay Richardson (6-5, 245, So.)
LT	94	Marcus Green (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	97	David Patterson (6-3, 285, So.)
RT	90	Quinn Pitcock (6-4, 285, So.)
	98	Joel Penton (6-5, 255, So.)
DE	57	Mike Kudla (6-3, 255, Jr.)
	83	Redgie Arden (6-4, 240, Jr.)
SLB	42	Bobby Carpenter (6-3, 240, Jr.)
	58	Joe Bradley (6-3, 213, Jr.)
MLB	51	Anthony Schlegel (6-2, 245, Jr.)
	5	Mike D'Andrea (6-3, 240, Jr.)
WLB	47	A.J. Hawk (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	1	Thomas Matthews (6-2, 210, Sr.)
CB	2	E.J. Underwood (6-1, 175, Jr.)
	26	Ashton Youboty (6-2, 187, So.)
CB	37	Dusitn Fox (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	13	Harlen Jacobs (6-1, 197, Sr.)
FS	21	Nate Salley (6-3, 205, Jr.)
	32	Brandon Mitchell (6-3, 190, So.)
SS	9	Donte Whitner (5-11, 185, So.)
	6	Tyler Everett (6-1, 185, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

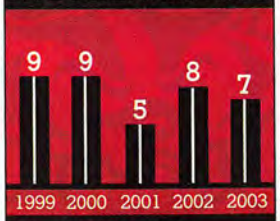
PK	85	Mike Nugent (5-10, 170, Sr.)
	23	Josh Huston (6-1, 195, Sr.)
P	23	Josh Huston (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	85	Mike Nugent (5-10, 170, Sr.)

BIG TEN

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	UCF		
S.11	UNLV	L	5-23
S.18	@ARIZONA		
S.25	Penn State	W	30-23
O.2	Illinois	W	38-20
O.9	@OHIO STATE	W	17-10
O.16	@PURDUE	L	23-26
O.23	Northwestern	L	7-16
N.6	Minnesota	L	34-37
N.13	@MICHIGAN STATE	W	56-21
N.20	@IOWA	L	21-27

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/18

OFFENSE

QB	2	John Stocco (6-2, 202, So.)
	16	Matt Schabert (6-2, 201, Sr.)
FB	45	Matt Bernstein (6-2, 270, Jr.)
	37	Greg Root (6-2, 255, Jr.)
TB	28	Anthony Davis (5-8, 194, Sr.)
	30	Dwayne Smith (5-11, 223, Jr.)
LT	75	Morgan Davis (6-5, 318, Sr.)
	72	Joe Thomas (6-8, 283, So.)
LG	67	Dan Buenning (6-4, 303, Sr.)
	76	Matt Lawrence (6-5, 279, Jr.)
C	53	Donovan Raiola (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	52	Jason Palermo (6-3, 289, Jr.)
RG	50	Jonathan Clinkscale (6-3, 304, Sr.)
	77	Randy Gyllin (6-3, 313, So.)
RT	61	Mike Lorenz (6-5, 315, Sr.)
	78	Jake Wood (6-6, 289, Jr.)
TE	85	Tony Paciotti (6-4, 262, Sr.)
	84	Jason Pociask (6-3, 249, Jr.)
WR	9	Jonathan Orr (6-3, 188, Jr.)
	87	Darrin Charles (6-6, 206, Sr.)
WR	25	Brandon Williams (5-11, 170, So.)
	8	Brandon White (6-3, 187, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	95	Joe Monty (6-2, 257, So.)
	93	Mark Gorman (6-4, 276, So.)
LT	77	Anttaj Hawthorne (6-3, 312, Sr.)
	99	Justin Ostrowski (6-5, 284, Fr.)
RT	74	Jason Jefferson (6-3, 308, Sr.)
	58	Kalvin Barrett (6-2, 319, Sr.)
RE	92	Jonathan Welsh (6-4, 231, Jr.)
	96	Jamal Cooper (6-4, 202, Fr.)
LB	24	LaMarr Watkins (6-1, 212, Jr.)
	14	Dontez Sanders (6-1, 208, Jr.)
LB	47	Elliot Goode (6-2, 238, Jr.)
	49	Brandon Kelly (6-4, 233, Fr.)
LB	41	Mark Zalewski (6-2, 234, So.)
	23	Paul Joran (6-3, 222, So.)
CB	2	Scott Starks (5-10, 176, Sr.)
	21	Levonne Rowan (6-1, 191, Jr.)
CB	6	Brett Bell (6-0, 196, Jr.)
	30	Jameson Davis (6-0, 191, Fr.)
FS	18	Jim Leonhard (5-8, 183, Sr.)
	22	Roderick Rogers (6-2, 186, So.)
SS	42	Robert Brooks (5-10, 181, Sr.)
	36	Johnny White (6-2, 211, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	99	Mike Allen (6-2, 182, Sr.)
P	31	R.J. Morse (6-1, 252, Sr.)
	94	Ken DeBauche (6-2, 209, Fr.)

4 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 Big Ten *(lost to Auburn in the Music City Bowl, 28-14)*

Wisconsin

Madison, Wis.

Official athletic Web site: www.uwbadgers.com

BADGERS

Badgers to rely on running of Heisman candidate Davis without Sorgi-Evans combo

After winning just six of 16 Big Ten games the past two years, could Barry Alvarez's Madison magic be history? It looked that way late last season when the Badgers dropped five of their last six to finish 4-4 in the league, 7-6 overall.

Despite a 28-14 loss to Auburn in the Music City Bowl, Alvarez's program is 7-2 in postseason play. And Wisconsin should have a great shot at bowl win No. 8, if not a Big Ten championship, with nine starters back on offense and eight more on defense.

Gone from the offense are record-smashing wide receiver Lee Evans, a first-round pick of the Buffalo Bills, and quarterback Jim Sorgi, the Badgers' career leader in passing efficiency. Missing on defense are two excellent linebackers, tackles leader Jeff Mack and sack specialist Alex Lewis.

But with running back Anthony Davis back for his senior year, Wisconsin should have a better ground game than at any time in 2003, when he missed five full games and most of four others with a bad ankle. Still, Davis averaged 5.9 yards per carry. And his 3,703 yards the past three seasons rank third in the nation.

If Davis needs help, Dwayne Smith rushed for 857 yards as a sophomore, including 207 against Michigan State, while Booker Stanley had 523 as a freshman, including 125 against Ohio State, the nation's No. 1 rushing defense.

Sophomore John Stocco is the likely starter at quarterback after making brief appearances in the Badgers' last three games. Senior Matt Schabert, last year's backup, should continue in that role. Schabert did have a game-winning, 79-yard touchdown pass to Evans in an upset of the then-third-ranked Buckeyes.

Juniors Brandon Williams and Jonathan Orr and senior Darrin Charles have had success at wide receiver, while senior Tony Paciotti has started 19 games at tight end. Williams caught 49 passes last season. Orr set a Wisconsin freshman record with 842 receiving yards in 2002. And Charles has had back-to-back strong bowl performances.

The offensive line is intact with senior tackles Morgan Davis and Mike Lorenz, senior guards Dan Buenning and Jonathan Clinkscale and junior center Donovan Raiola. That should be a huge comfort for any team with a new starting quarterback.

No team in the nation has a better tandem on defense than tackle Anttaj Hawthorne and free safety Jim Leonhard. Hawthorne has started 29 straight games and had 20 tackles for losses last season. Leonhard, an All-America candidate, already has 18 interceptions, just three shy of the school record.

Senior tackle Jason Jefferson and end Jonathan Welsh should be fine on the right side of the defensive front. Senior cornerback Scott Starks led the Big Ten with 16 pass breakups. And if the defense can hold, Leonhard is one of the nation's top punt returners.

The Badgers' next win will be Alvarez's 100th at Wisconsin. Only nine coaches have won that many games at one Big Ten school. And since Alvarez became his school's director of athletics in the spring, he has as much job security as any coach in the nation.

Anthony Davis, *RB*

PAUL JASIENSKI

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Camp Randall Stadium **Capacity:** 76,634 **Turf:** Artificial	**Barry Alvarez,** 15th Year **Record:** 99-67-4 **Career Record:** 99-67-4	**Bret Bielema** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Jeff Horton** (QBs), **Jim Hueber** (OL), **Rob Ianello** (TEs), **Ron Lee** (DBs), **Henry Mason** (WRs), **Brian Murphy** (special teams/OLBs), **John Palermo** (assistant head coach/DL), **Brian White** (off. coordinator/RBs)

BIG TEN

PRESEASON RANK **5**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 6-2 Big Ten *(lost to Georgia in the Capital One Bowl, 34-27)*

Purdue

West Lafayette, Ind.

Official athletic Web site: www.purduesports.com

BOILERMAKERS

With potent Orton-Stubblefield passing combo, look for offense to carry Boilermakers once again

When Joe Tiller left Laramie, Wyo., for West Lafayette, Ind., about eight years ago, no one expected a staggering program to become an instant bowl fixture and a championship threat. But that's what happened with seven straight postseason appearances, including a Rose Bowl berth.

A 6-2 league mark and 9-4 overall record last season was further evidence why football has replaced men's basketball as the No. 1 passion for most Purdue sports fans. That surge in interest should be rewarded again with another title-contending run and eighth straight bowl trip.

The Boilermakers lost 11 starters from 2003, including contributors like record-setting wide receiver John Standeford, massive offensive tackle Kelly Butler, linebackers Niko Koutouvides and Landon Johnson and omnipresent free safety Stuart Schweigert.

That means 11 starters return, including Kyle Orton, who should be the league's best quarterback, and seven other offensive players. Orton passed for 2,885 yards and had just seven interceptions in 414 throws last season, five shy of Purdue's team total.

Wideout Taylor Stubblefield, a Biletnikoff Award candidate, caught 86 passes but netted just 835 yards as a junior. He needs to tack at least five yards per catch onto a 9.7-yard average. Orton's other targets include junior Ray Williams and 6-foot-9 sophomore Kyle Ingraham at wide receiver and junior Charles Davis and sophomore Garret Bushong at tight end.

Back to protect Orton and running back Jerod Void are three starting offensive linemen: sophomore tackle Mike Otto and fifth-year seniors David Owen and Tyler Moore on the right side. Void rushed for 952 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior but needs to average more than 4.1 yards per carry.

If the offense gets anywhere close to the end zone, placekicker Ben Jones becomes a factor. The Lou Groza Award semifinalist kicked 25 field goals in 30 attempts, including nine of 10 tries from 40 yards or more.

Barring injury, Purdue's offense is good enough to win a Big Ten championship. Its defense still has questions to answer, and not just because it allowed 34 points to Georgia in a New Year's Day bowl loss.

Only one starter returns from a front seven that held rushing attacks to 2.7 yards per carry and 96.4 per game. Tackle Brent Grover was solid all season. Now, he'll have to be better than that and record more than 3.5 sacks.

The first-string linebackers are all new, though strongside starter Jon Goldsberry has the experience of a fifth-year senior. Junior Bobby Iwuchukwu was a co-Most Improved Player in spring drills.

If sophomore middle linebacker George Hall and redshirt freshman weakside 'backer Stanford Keglar learn quickly, the Boilermakers will have a chance to make a run at the league title, especially with a favorable schedule.

The strength of the defense has to be the secondary, however. Senior cornerback Antwaun Rogers is a three-year starter. Strong safety Bernard Pollard was a second-team Freshman All-American. And if the best defense is a productive offense, Purdue's defense might be fine after all.

Kyle Orton, *QB*

BOB LEVERONE/SPORTING NEWS/ICON

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Ross-Ade Stadium **Capacity:** 62,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Joe Tiller,** 8th Year **Record:** 55-32 **Career Record:** 94-62-1	**Blaine Bennett** (QBs), **Jim Chaney** (off. coordinator/TEs), **Bob DeBesse** (WRs/recruiting coordinator), **Lou Anarumo** (DBs), **Gary Emanuel** (assistant head coach/DEs), **Mark Hagen** (DTs/special teams), **Bill Legg** (OL), **David Mitchell** (RBs), **Brock Spack** (def. coordinator/LBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	Syracuse		
S.11	Ball State		
S.25	@ILLINOIS	W	43-10
O.2	@NOTRE DAME	W	23-10
O.9	@PENN STATE	W	28-14
O.16	Wisconsin	L	26-23
O.23	Michigan	L	3-31
O.30	@NORTHWESTERN	W	34-14
N.6	@IOWA	W	27-14
N.13	Ohio State	L	13-16 (OT)
N.20	Indiana	W	24-16

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 32/22

OFFENSE

QB	18	Kyle Orton (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	11	Brandon Kirsch (6-3, 203, So.)
RB	32	Jerod Void (6-2, 212, Jr.)
	27	Brandon Jones (5-11, 226, Jr.)
LT	65	Mike Otto (6-5, 309, So.)
	75	Brian Wang (6-7, 291, Jr.)
LG	56	Matt Turner (6-3, 288, Jr.)
	64	Danny May (6-2, 325, Sr.)
C	68	Robbie Powell (6-5, 277, Fr.)
	56	Matt Turner (6-3, 288, Jr.)
RG	50	Tyler Moore (6-7, 282, Sr.)
	67	Uche Nwaneri (6-3, 310, So.)
RT	63	David Owen (6-6, 294, Sr.)
	77	Ryan Noblet (6-6, 291, Fr.)
TE	87	Charles Davis (6-6, 263, Jr.)
	93	Garret Bushong (6-5, 255, So.)
WR	89	Kyle Ingraham (6-9, 224, So.)
	28	Dustin Keller (6-4, 227, r-Fr.)
WR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (6-1, 172, Sr.)
	20	Andre Chattams (6-0, 200, So.)
WR	2	Ray Williams (6-2, 192, Jr.)
	23	Kevin Noel (6-3, 202, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	49	Anthony Spencer (6-3, 262, So.)
	91	Nick Cavallo (6-3, 254, So.)
DT	55	Brandon Villarreal (6-2, 289, Jr.)
	97	Jamaal Jones (6-4, 286, Fr.)
DT	58	Brent Grover (6-4, 287, Jr.)
	98	Dan McGowen (6-0, 280, So.)
DE	10	Ray Edwards (6-6, 260, So.)
	45	Gene Bright (6-4, 237, Fr.)
SLB	17	Jon Goldsberry (6-3, 241, Sr.)
	39	Bobby Iwuchukwu (6-2, 236, Jr.)
MLB	30	George Hall (6-2, 246, So.)
	17	Josh Ferguson (6-3, 237, Fr.)
WLB	59	Stanford Keglar (6-2, 229, Fr.)
	88	Drew Rucks (6-2, 217, So.)
CB	12	Antwaun Rogers (6-2, 172, Sr.)
	48	Steve Oliver (5-9, 192, Fr.)
CB	33	Brian Hickman (6-0, 178, Jr.)
	24	Sean Petty (5-11, 180, Jr.)
FS	7	Kyle Smith (6-4, 217, Jr.)
	25	Paul Long (6-2, 185, Fr.)
SS	31	Bernard Pollard (6-2, 219, So.)
	8	Grant Walker (6-2, 189, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

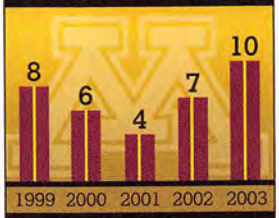
PK	35	Ben Jones (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	22	Casey Welch (5-9, 163, So.)
P		Dave Brytus (6-4, 225, Fr.)
	29	Aaron Levin (5-11, 206, Sr.)

BIG TEN

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	Toledo		
S.11	Illinois State		
S.18	@COLORADO STATE		
S.25	Northwestern	W	42-17
O.2	Penn State	W	20-14
O.9	@MICHIGAN	L	35-38
O.16	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	38-44
O.23	Illinois	W	36-10
O.30	@INDIANA	W	55-7
N.6	@WISCONSIN	W	37-34
N.13	Iowa	L	22-40

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 33/20

OFFENSE

QB	3	Bryan Cupito (6-1, 190, So.)
	13	Adam Ernst (6-2, 210, Jr.)
FB	18	Justin Valentine (6-2, 215, Fr.)
	42	Jason Lamers (6-0, 240, So.)
TB	21	Marion Barber III (5-11, 215, Jr.)
	22	Laurence Maroney (5-11, 200, So.)
LT	74	Rian Melander (6-7, 295, Sr.)
	73	Brian Moss (6-6, 280, So.)
LG	68	Mark Setterstrom (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	63	Brian Goblirsch (6-2, 295, So.)
C	61	Greg Eslinger (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	56	Tyson Swaggert (6-4, 285, So.)
RG	66	Brandon Harston (6-2, 315, Sr.)
	62	Josh Brenny (6-5, 305, So.)
RT	78	Joe Ainslie (6-7, 305, So.)
	60	Mike Nicholson (6-5, 290, Jr.)
TE	89	Matt Spaeth (6-6, 265, So.)
	81	Jarod Posthumus (6-4, 250, Jr.)
WR	83	Jared Ellerson (6-1, 195, Jr.)
	39	Mark Jundt (5-1, 185, So.)
WR	2	Paris Hamilton (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	7	Jakari Wallace (5-8, 165, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Eric Clark (6-4, 250, So.)
	37	Chris Holden (5-11, 225, So.)
DT	97	Mark Losli (6-6, 285, Jr.)
	99	Keith Lipka (6-3, 265, Jr.)
NT	95	Anthony Montgomery (6-5, 315, Jr.)
	98	Neel Allen (6-3, 295, Fr.)
DE	51	Darrell Reid (6-2, 280, Sr.)
	94	Maurice Buchanan (6-3, 255, So.)
SAM	52	Kyle McKenzie (6-1, 230, Jr.)
	43	Brian Smith (6-1, 235, Sr.)
MLB	48	Mario Reese (6-3, 225, So.)
	5	Dominique Sims (6-1, 225, Sr.)
WIL	58	Terrance Campbell (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	46	John Shevlin (6-1, 220, Fr.)
CB	4	Trumaine Banks (5-10, 185, So.)
	15	Jamal Harris (6-0, 180, Fr.)
CB	25	Ukee Dozier (6-1, 185, Sr.)
	35	Mike Wojciechowski (5-8, 190, Sr.)
FS	34	John Pawielski (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	32	Brandon Owens (6-2, 205, So.)
SS	12	Justin Fraley (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	30	Johnathan Richmond (5-10, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Rhys Lloyd (6-1, 220, Sr.)
P	16	Rhys Lloyd (6-1, 220, Sr.)

6 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 5-3 Big Ten *(beat Oregon in the Sun Bowl, 31-30)*

Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn.

Official athletic Web site: www.gophersports.com

GOPHERS

Finding new QB top Gopher priority; running game will make lots of trips to Barber's shop

Back-to-back bowl wins and double-digit triumphs for the first time in decades should let everyone know that this program is for real. The problem isn't what *was* in 2003. It's what *could have been* if Glen Mason's men had finished the job against Michigan or shown up in time against Michigan State.

Those giveaways in the Metrodome and a lopsided loss at Iowa were Minnesota's only setbacks in a 10-3, 5-3 season that was capped by a 31-30 win over Oregon in the Sun Bowl.

The Golden Gophers set school records for points (503), touchdowns (66), total offense (6,430 yards), rushing yards (3,759), yards per play (6.6), completion percentage (61.3), first downs (326) and 500-yard games (7), leading the Big Ten in most of those categories.

With seven starters back on offense, six regulars returning on defense and Ohio State off the schedule, don't be surprised if Minnesota makes another title run, even if it has to play in Ann Arbor and break in a new quarterback.

No one can match the mobility of graduated signal-caller Asad Abdul-Khaliq, who averaged 6.1 yards per rush when sack losses are eliminated. But the candidates include sophomore Bryan Cupito, a third-stringer last year; Adam Ernst, a transfer from Mount San Antonio Junior College; and heralded freshman John Carlson, who arrived on campus in time for spring ball.

The Gophers' strength is still its ground game, led by junior Marion Barber III (1,196 yards rushing) and sophomore Laurence Maroney (1,121). They became just the 30th tandem in NCAA history to crack the 1,000-yard barrier together. Look for Barber and Maroney to combine for close to 2,500 yards this year.

Aaron Hosack is gone at wide receiver, but Jared Ellerson had 909 yards in catches as a sophomore, and heralded JC transfer Paris Hamilton is ready after missing last season with an injury. It won't be as easy to replace tight end Ben Utecht, though sophomore Matt Spaeth is determined to try.

The offensive line should be strong with four starters returning. Junior center Greg Eslinger was All-Big Ten, while senior tackle Rian Melander, junior guard Mark Setterstrom and sophomore tackle Joe Ainslie helped Minnesota rank third in the nation in rushing and first in the league in sack prevention.

The defensive line starts with senior Darrell Reid and junior Mark Losli. Reid led the Gophers with 5.5 sacks and can play tackle or end. Losli was only a half-sack behind and has started 22 straight games.

Despite holes at middle linebacker and safety, Minnesota is happy to have juniors Terrance Campbell and Kyle McKenzie back at outside 'backer and senior Ukee Dozier and Trumaine Banks at cornerback.

Placekicker/punter Rhys Lloyd was a huge surprise last year with two field goals of 50-plus yards and two boots that beat Wisconsin and Oregon. He'll have to do more for the Gophers to get to 10 wins again.

Marion Barber III, *RB*

SCOTT BOEHM

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome **Capacity:** 64,172 **Turf:** Artificial	**Glen Mason,** 8th Year **Record:** 44-40 **Career Record:** 103-104-1	**Moe Akney** (assistant head coach/DEs), **Mitch Browning** (co-off. coordinator/TEs and tackles), **Tony Petersen** (co-off. coordinator/QBs), **Greg Hudson** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Tom Sims** (DL), **Vic Adamle** (RBs), **David Lockwood** (secondary/recruiting coordinator), **Gordon Shaw** (guards and centers), **Richard Wilson** (WRs)

BIG TEN

PRESEASON RANK **7**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 Big Ten *(lost to Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl, 17-3)*

Michigan State

East Lansing, Mich.

Official athletic Web site: www.msuspartans.com

SPARTANS

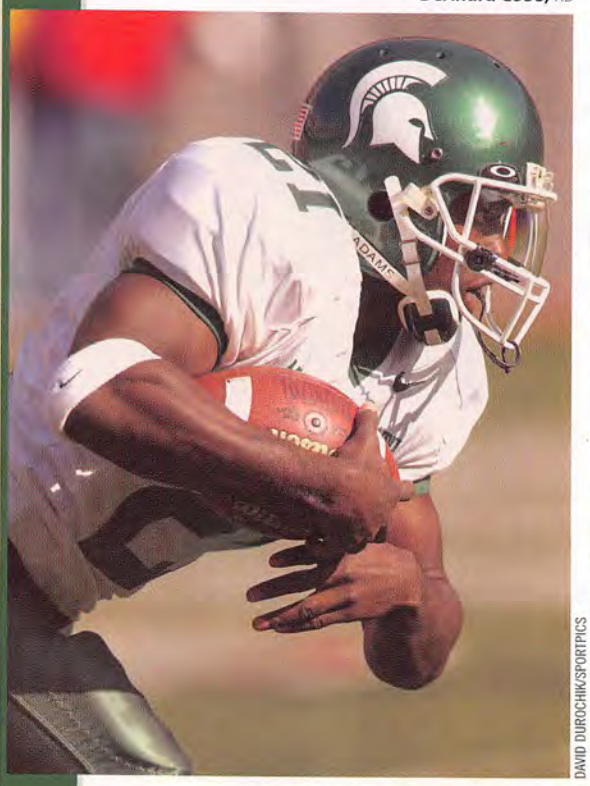
Spartans will have a tough time repeating results of surprising '03 without QB/leader Smoker

Only players' parents would have figured the Spartans could double their 2002 win total in John L. Smith's first year in East Lansing. Yet, that's what happened when Michigan State went 5-3 in the league and 8-5 overall, including a loss to Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl.

Smith's program might take a step or two backward this season before moving upward again. Depth is still a major concern. And with Jeff Smoker moving to the St. Louis Rams, an offense that relies so heavily on its quarterback might be stuck in neutral.

The heir apparent to Smoker, sophomore Drew Stanton, was hurt on a special-teams cheap shot by the Cornhuskers and had limited work in spring drills. Meanwhile, redshirt freshman Stephen Reaves showed mobility and moxie and should battle with a healthy Stanton this summer.

DeAndra Cobb, *RB*



DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

Smith switched last year's top two running backs, junior Jaren Hayes and senior Tyrell Dortch, to defense, where both could contribute. That means the primary ball-carrying duties will go to senior DeAndra Cobb, who scored three times on kickoff returns, redshirt freshman Jehuu Caulcrick and junior Jason Teague.

The receiving corps has much more experience than in 2003. Junior Agim Shabaj had 57 catches from the slot and should be the No. 1 option again. Junior wideouts Matt Trannon, Aaron Alexander and Kyle Brown and sophomore slot Jerramy Scott will have lots of chances. The same can be said for senior tight ends Jason Randall and a slimmed-down Eric Knott.

Center Chris Morris and tackle Stefon Wheeler, both juniors, return as starters on the offensive line. Guard William Whitticker and tackle Sean Poole, both seniors, are also capable of playing winning football.

The defensive line will be anchored by 330-pound tackle Brandon McKinney, a non-factor as a sophomore last year due to injuries, and end Clifton Ryan, whose sophomore season almost ended with a scary knee injury in the final spring scrimmage.

The Spartans should be solid at linebacker if unsung senior Ronald Stanley and jaw-jarring junior Seth Mitchell stay injury-free. The third spot could go to Dortch or redshirt freshman Kaleb Thornhill, whose father and brother were All-Big Ten 'backers.

The secondary has questions, especially at cornerback. Hayes could take a starting spot from senior Roderick Maples or juniors Ashton Watson and Darren Barnett. But Michigan State has won with worse safeties than senior Jason Harmon, a converted corner, and junior Eric Smith, an All-Big Ten-type player when healthy.

Senior placekicker Dave Rayner and junior punter Brandon Fields have two of the nation's stronger legs. And junior-college placekicker/punter John Goss is good enough to handle both jobs in some programs.

If the Spartans can take care of business in September, with visits from Central Michigan and Notre Dame between trips to Rutgers and Indiana, another winning season is possible. Another eight-win season would make Smith a national Coach-of-the-Year candidate.

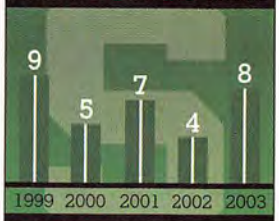
STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Spartan Stadium **Capacity:** 72,027 **Turf:** Grass	**John L. Smith,** 2nd Year **Record:** 8-5 **Career Record:** 111-59	**Chris Smeland** (def. coordinator/safeties), **Mike Cox** (LBs), **Paul Haynes** (CBs), **Jim McElwain** (assistant head coach/receivers), **Steve Stripling** (DL), **Reggie Mitchell** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Jeff Stoutland** (OL), **Doug Nussmeier** (QBs), **David Baldwin** (off. coordinator/TEs)

BIG TEN

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@RUTGERS	W	44-28
S.11	Central Michigan		
S.18	Notre Dame	W	22-16
S.25	@INDIANA	W	31-3
O.2	@IOWA	W	20-10
O.9	Illinois	W	49-14
O.16	Minnesota	W	44-38
O.30	@MICHIGAN	L	20-27
N.6	Ohio State	L	23-33
N.13	Wisconsin	L	21-56
N.20	@PENN STATE	W	41-10
D.4	@HAWAII		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/21

OFFENSE

QB	9	Stephen Reaves (6-1, 200, R-Fr.)
	5	Drew Stanton (6-3, 223, So.)
TB	21	DeAndra Cobb (5-10, 191, Sr.)
	20	Jason Teague (5-9, 191, Jr.)
LT	72	Stefon Wheeler (6-5, 329, Jr.)
	75	Pete Clifford (6-7, 310, R-Fr.)
LG	7	4 Kyle Cook (6-3, 296, So.)
	60	Luis Fonseca (6-4, 285, Fr.)
C	51	Chris Morris (6-4, 293, Jr.)
	54	John Masters (6-4, 270, R-Fr.)
RG	76	William Whitticker (6-5, 319, Sr.)
	71	Gordon Niebylski (6-3, 310, Jr.)
RT	79	Sean Poole (6-7, 294, Sr.)
	66	Mike Gyetvai (6-7, 312, R-Fr.)
TE	81	Jason Randall (6-5, 260, Sr.)
	4	Eric Knott (6-3, 254, Sr.)
WR	6	Matt Trannon (6-6, 228, Jr.)
	86	Terry Love (5-11, 169, R-Fr.)
WR	3	Kyle Brown (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	19	Irving Campbell (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
WR	2	Agim Shabaj (5-10, 187, Jr.)
	32	Jerramy Scott (5-10, 183, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	59	Clifford Dukes (6-3, 257, Sr.)
	98	Daryl Melvin (6-5, 258, R-Fr.)
DT	91	Kevin Vickerson (6-4, 283, Sr.)
	64	Brian Davies (6-5, 267, Sr.)
DT	99	Brandon McKinney (6-3, 330, Jr.)
	70	Joe Toth (6-2, 279, R-Fr.)
LB	92	Clifton Ryan (6-2, 289, So.)
	40	Michael Bazemore (6-3, 260, Jr.)
LB	44	Ronald Stanley (6-0, 232, Sr.)
	41	David Herron Jr. (6-1, 250, So.)
LB	48	Seth Mitchell (6-2, 248, Jr.)
	43	Kaleb Thornhill (6-1, 236, R-Fr.)
LB	34	Tyrell Dortch (5-10, 206, Sr.)
	33	Kiel Beltinck (5-9, 200, So.)
CB	12	Ashton Watson (5-11, 179, Jr.)
	22	Darren Barnett (6-0, 186, Jr.)
CB	17	Roderick Maples (5-10, 189, Sr.)
	31	Jaren Hayes (5-9, 183, Jr.)
FS	25	Jason Harmon (5-11, 199, Sr.)
	29	Greg Cooper (5-11, 185, So.)
SS	36	Eric Smith (6-1, 193, Jr.)
	5	Anthony Belasco (5-10, 198, So.)

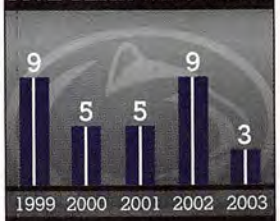
SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Dave Rayner (6-2, 207, Sr.)
	11	John Goss (6-3, 217, Jr.)
P	8	Brandon Fields (6-6, 233, Jr.)
	11	John Goss (6-3, 217, Jr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Akron		
S.11	@BOSTON COLLEGE	L	14-27
S.18	UCF		
S.25	@WISCONSIN	L	23-30
O.2	@MINNESOTA	L	14-20
O.9	Purdue	L	14-28
O.23	Iowa	L	14-26
O.30	@OHIO STATE	L	20-21
N.6	Northwestern	L	7-17
N.13	@INDIANA	W	52-7
N.20	Michigan State	L	10-41

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 33/20

OFFENSE

QB	7	Zack Mills (6-3, 214, Sr.)
	12	Michael Robinson (6-2, 225, Jr.)
FB	39	Paul Jefferson (6-1, 259, r-Sr.)
	47	Brian Gilmore (5-11, 243, r-Fr.)
TB	33	Austin Scott (6-0, 214, So.)
	26	Tony Hunt (6-2, 218, So.)
ST	67	Levi Brown (6-5, 311, So.)
	68	John Wilson (6-6, 319, Jr.)
SG	59	Charles Rush (6-2, 298, Jr.)
	54	Scott Davis (6-3, 288, Sr.)
C	77	E.Z. Smith (6-1, 276, Jr.)
	66	Lance Antolick (6-3, 274, r-Jr.)
TG	74	Tyler Reed (6-4, 303, Jr.)
	65	Robert Price (6-0, 305, r-So.)
TT	50	Andrew Richardson (6-5, 294, Jr.)
	73	Joel Holler (6-5, 328, r-Fr.)
TE	81	Isaac Smolko (6-5, 257, Jr.)
	87	John Bronson (6-3, 264, Sr.)
SE	19	Gerald Smith (5-11, 181, Sr.)
	9	Terrance Phillips (5-11, 187, Jr.)
FLK	34	Gio Vendemia (6-0, 187, Jr.)
	11	Terrell Golden (6-3, 209, r-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Matthew Rice (6-4, 262, Jr.)
	87	John Bronson (6-3, 264, Sr.)
DT	85	Jay Alford (6-3, 279, So.)
	95	Elijah Robinson (6-2, 290, Fr.)
DT	91	Tamba Hali (6-3, 273, Jr.)
	41	Scott Paxson (6-5, 275, So.)
DE	17	Lavon Chisley (6-5, 265, Jr.)
	54	Amani Purcell (6-3, 260, r-Fr.)
SLB	31	Paul Posluszny (6-2, 228, So.)
	35	J.R. Zwierzynski (6-2, 239, r-So.)
MLB	30	BranDon Snow (6-1, 238, r-So.)
	56	Mike Sothern (6-1, 224, r-Fr.)
WLB	94	Derek Wake (6-3, 241, Sr.)
	20	Tim Shaw (6-1, 230, So.)
CB	21	Alan Zemaitis (6-2, 194, Jr.)
	15	Brent Wise (5-10, 193, r-Fr.)
CB	1	Anwar Phillips (6-1, 185, Jr.)
	6	Donnie Johnson (6-0, 209, So.)
FS	27	Chris Harrell (6-2, 201, Sr.)
	18	Andrew Guman (6-3, 211, Sr.)
SS	10	Calvin Lowry (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	5	Jim Kanuch (6-1, 200, r-So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	4	Robbie Gould (6-1, 179, Sr.)
	48	Nate Weltman (6-0, 201, r-Fr.)
P	36	Jeremy Kapinos (6-1, 229, So.)
	4	Robbie Gould (6-1, 179, Sr.)

8 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 Big Ten

Penn State

University Park, Pa.

Official athletic Web site: www.gopsusports.com

NITTANY LIONS

Killer schedule, uncertainty at QB don't bode well for smiles returning to Happy Valley

The Nittany Lions won't be 3-9 again in Joe Paterno's 39th year as coach. Without six wins and a bowl invitation, Penn State can't play more than 11 games. But anything less than a January date is disappointing when a leader is 339-109-3, including 23 postseason triumphs.

If New Year's Day games seem like ancient history in University Park, Pa., it's because Paterno's teams have had three losing records in the last four years. That's more than they've had in most decades at Happy Valley.

The 2004 Nittany Lions will have 15 returning starters but just 14 seniors. The most important returnee is quarterback Zack Mills, a fifth-year senior with school single-game records for passing yards (399) and total offense (418 yards) and career marks for completions (451) and total offense (6,002 yards).

Some folks in central Pennsylvania will tell you that Mills is only the second-best quarterback on campus. Junior Michael Robinson is an inconsistent passer but an electrifying runner, arguably the best in the program. Junior Chris Ganter also has backers, including Paterno.

A young but experienced offensive line returns three starters and two other players who have been first-stringers. Sophomore tackle Levi Brown flashed great potential last year, while junior guards Charles Rush and Tyler Reed should be the league's top tandem before they leave.

Tailbacks Austin Scott and Tony Hunt were two of just four true freshmen to play for Penn State last season. Scott led the Nittany Lions in rushing with a meager 436 yards. And with team MVP Sean McHugh gone, senior fullback Paul Jefferson becomes a key performer.

Penn State's top five receivers are gone. Since Paterno described their performance as "horrible," that might not matter as much as you would think. Senior Gerald Smith has the best statistics of the returning players, with 15 catches for 198 yards and one score last year.

Placekicker Robbie Gould and punter Jeremy Kapinos are good enough. But if the Nittany Lions will win or lose with kicking and defense, it's probably a plus that seven starters are back on defense. Penn State held seven opponents to 21 points or less and didn't allow more that 30 until a season-ending mail-in at Michigan State.

The top five defensive linemen are back. Senior John Bronson and juniors Matthew Rice and Lavon Chisley combined for 21 starts at end. Junior Tamba Hali and sophomore Jay Alford have similar experience at tackle. But senior Derek Wake might be lonely with the departure of linebacking mates Gino Capone and Deryck Toles.

Though All-Big Ten safety Yaacov Yisrael is gone, Penn State should be fine in the secondary. Five returning defensive backs have started: juniors Alan Zemaitis and Anwar Phillips at cornerback and seniors Andrew Guman and Chris Harrell and junior Calvin Lowry at safety.

They'd better be fine with a schedule that features eight bowl teams from last season and 11 foes that see the Nittany Lions as beatable.

Michael Robinson, *QB*

TOMASSO DEROSA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Beaver Stadium **Capacity:** 107,501 **Turf:** Grass	**Joe Paterno,** 39th Year **Record:** 339-109-3 **Career Record:** 339-109-3	**Dick Anderson** (OL), **Tom Bradley** (def. coordinator), **Galen Hall** (off. coordinator/RBs), **Larry Johnson** (DL), **Bill Kenney** (OTs/TEs), **Mike McQueary** (WRs assistant), **Jay Paterno** (QBs/recruiting coordinator), **Brian Norwood** (DBs), **Ron Vanderlinden** (LBs)

BIG TEN

PRESEASON RANK **9**

2003 Record: 1-11 overall, 0-8 Big Ten

Illinois

Champaign, Ill.

Official athletic Web site: www.fightingillini.com

FIGHTING ILLINI

Turner on hot seat as Fighting Illini try to rebound from nightmare 1-11 season

The Fighting Illini's free fall continued last season, as a program that ruled the Big Ten in 2001 slid from 5-7 in 2002 to a weary 1-11. With Ron Turner, a noted offensive mind, calling the shots, Illinois scored more than 20 points just twice.

Don't expect the current 10-game losing streak to stretch into October, however. The Fighting Illini will open with four straight home dates and play seven of 11 games in the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium. Considering that it doesn't play Ohio State, Illinois could surprise some people. Three touchdowns in a game would be a nice start.

Don't be shocked if Turner's team totals 100 points more than last year's final output (203). Senior quarterback Jon Beutjer should be one of the league's best players and probably deserved a better fate for his 63-percent accuracy last season. That could happen in 2004 with eight starters back on offense.

Running back E.B. Halsey was one of the nation's busiest freshmen last year. He led the Illini in rushing (525 yards) and kick returns and was second in scoring and fourth in receptions (37). Expect more than 3.8 yards per carry this season.

Eighty percent of the offensive line returns in center Duke Preston, guard Bryan Koch and tackle Bucky Babcock, all seniors, plus guard Matt Maddox, a sophomore. Tight end Melvin Bryant and wide receiver Lonnie Hurst are also back, though Hurst will have to hold off a challenge from junior Kendrick Jones.

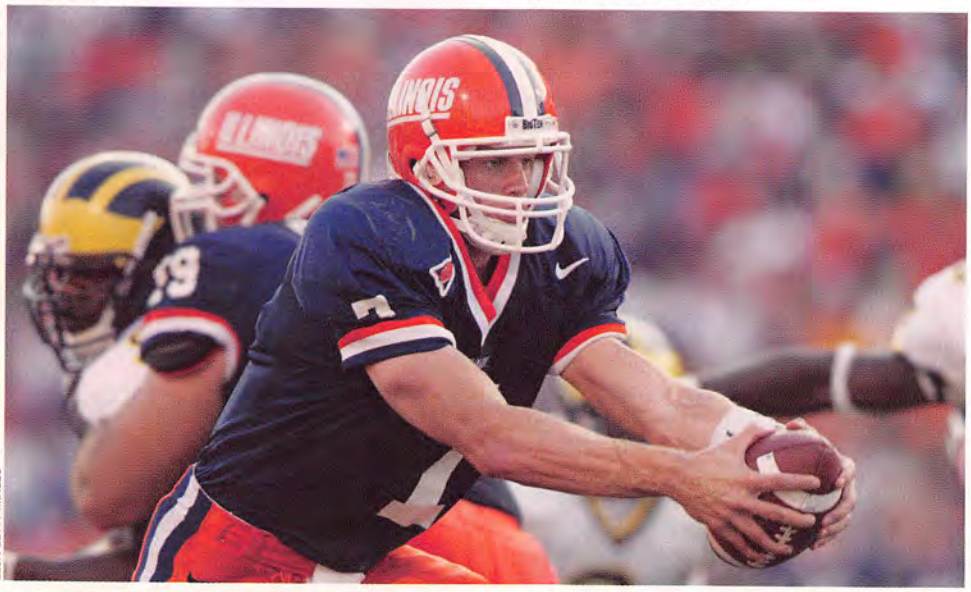
Six regulars and seven other players with experience return on defense, led by senior linebacker Matt Sinclair, last year's top tackler with 128 stops. But Illinois must allow less than 223.4 yards per game on the ground, more than double its average on offense (110.7).

Senior Mike O'Brien and junior Scott Moss are back at defensive end, while junior Ryan Matha returns at tackle. Junior free safety Travis Williams and sophomore cornerback Alan Ball also started last season, as the Illini allowed 202.3 yards per game through the air.

Junior punter Steve Weatherford will try to handle the placekicking, too. The problem might be a lack of opportunities with a tee unless Beutjer, Halsey and the rest of the offense can keep the down markers from reading "4" twice a quarter.

If Joe Paterno is on a warmer seat than anyone imagined he could be at Penn State, Turner's tush could be heating up even faster in Champaign. After a two-year skid, there's not much room to drop from a one-win total.

Jon Beutjer, *QB*



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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 69,249 **Turf:** Artificial	**Ron Turner,** 8th Year **Record:** 32-49 **Career Record:** 39-53	**Harry Hiestand** (assistant head coach/OL), **Mike Cassity** (def. coordinator/safeties), **Dan Roushar** (off. coordinator/RBs), **Robert Jackson** (WRs/recruiting), **Tommy Thigpen** (CBs), **Mike Mallory** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Greg McMahon** (TEs/special teams), **Dan O'Dell** (QBs), **Donnie Thompson** (DL), **Scott Shafer** (secondary), **Tommy Thigpen** (LBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Florida A&M		
S.11	UCLA	L	3-6
S.18	Western Michigan		
S.25	Purdue	L	10-43
O.2	@WISCONSIN	L	20-38
O.9	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	14-49
O.16	Michigan	L	14-56
O.23	@MINNESOTA	L	10-36
O.30	Iowa	L	10-41
N.6	Indiana	L	14-17
N.20	@NORTHWESTERN	L	20-37

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/20

OFFENSE

QB	7	Jon Beutjer (6-5, 211, Sr.)
	15	Tim Brasic (6-2, 185, So.)
FB	34	Jason Davis (5-11, 220, Jr.)
	33	Brock Bolen (6-1, 230, Fr.)
TB	26	E.B. Halsey (5-11, 185, So.)
	30	Pierre Thomas (5-11, 190, So.)
LT	57	JJ Simmons (6-6, 290, So.)
	68	Jim LaBonte (6-7, 300, r-Fr.)
LG	71	Bryan Koch (6-3, 285, Sr.)
	64	Martin O'Donnell (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)
C	75	Duke Preston (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	69	Ben Amundsen (6-6, 305, r-Fr.)
RG	67	Matt Maddox (6-4, 290, So.)
	62	Jordan Kruger (6-4, 285, Jr.)
RT	70	Bucky Babcock (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	79	James Ryan (6-6, 310, r-Fr.)
TE	88	Melvin Bryant (6-5, 235, So.)
	81	Anthony McClellan (6-3, 245, Sr.)
WR	4	Ade Adeyemo (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	19	Mark Kornfeld (6-1, 200, Sr.)
WR	1	Lonnie Hurst (6-3, 190, So.)
	84	Kendrick Jones (6-1, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	93	Mike O'Brien (6-6, 225, Sr.)
	39	James Stevenson (6-3, 240, r-Fr.)
DT	97	Ryan Matha (6-1, 285, Jr.)
	61	Adam Wilk (6-5, 275, So)
DT	74	Mike Maloney (6-3, 280, Sr.)
	96	Chris Norwell (6-7, 270, r-Fr.)
DE	90	Scott Moss (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	92	Arthur Boyd (6-3, 265, So.)
LB	36	Josh Tischer (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	46	Antonio Mason (6-0, 245, Jr.)
LB	45	Mike Gawelek (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	53	Joe Mele (6-2, 225, r-Fr.)
LB	44	Matt Sinclair (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	47	J Leman (6-3, 220, r-Fr.)
CB	6	Kelvin Hayden (6-0, 198, Sr.)
	25	James Cooper (5-11, 200, Jr.)
CB	18	Alan Ball (6-1, 175, So.)
	22	Sharriff Abdullah (5-8, 180, So.)
FS	28	Travis Williams (6-1, 185, Jr.)
	10	Kyle Kleckner (6-0, 195, Jr.)
SS	20	Morris Virgil (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	31	Brian Brosnan (6-1, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Steve Weatherford (6-4, 205, Jr.)
P	37	Steve Weatherford (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	38	Matt Minnes (6-2, 195, Sr.)

BIG TEN

Evanston, Ill. PRESEASON RANK 10

Northwestern WILDCATS

03 Record: 6-7 overall, 4-4 Big Ten *(lost to Bowling Green in the Motor City Bowl, 28-24)*

Official athletic Web site:
www.nusports.com

A 6-7 record is nothing to celebrate in most situations. In Evanston, Ill., it brought a few smiles after a surprising 4-4 league finish and solid effort in the Motor City Bowl, a 28-24 loss to Bowling Green.

Coach Randy Walker hopes for better results in his sixth season as the Wildcats' leader, and might get exactly that with 19 of 24 starters returning. The biggest problem is a difficult schedule with eight opponents that played in bowls last winter.

Northwestern can counter with experience at quarterback and veterans on both lines. Junior QB Brett Basanez has 16 starts and needs to bounce back to his Freshman All-America form. He slipped to 53.6-percent accuracy last season with 12 interceptions and just four touchdown passes.

The offensive line features junior Zach Strief, an All-America candidate, and four other returning starters. Back are senior tackle Trai Essex, sophomore center Trevor Rees and senior guards Matt Ulrich and Ikechuku Ndukwe. All-around standout Jason Wright is gone at running back. His 2,622 rushing yards the past two seasons won't be easy to replace. But fifth-year senior Noah Herron averaged 6.2 yards per carry and ran for 739.

Top receivers Kunle Patrick and Roger Jordan have graduated, so senior Ashton Aikens and junior Mark Philmore must stay healthy for the Wildcats to do better than 103rd in the nation in passing.

Nine regulars return on defense, including eight with 16 or more starts.

Junior linebacker Tim McGarigle led the Wildcats with 140 tackles, despite missing two games due to injuries.

The defensive line has gone from the youngest unit on the team to perhaps the most experienced in 12 months. Five players have started 12 or more games.

Senior cornerback Marvin Ward was Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week twice and had four interceptions and 84 tackles. Senior Dominique Price and sophomore Bryan Heinz could be the league's best pair of safeties.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	@TCU		
S.11	Arizona State		
S.18	Kansas	W	28-20
S.25	@MINNESOTA	L	17-42
O.2	Ohio State	L	0-20
O.9	Indiana	W	37-31 (OT)
O.23	@WISCONSIN	W	16-7
O.30	Purdue	L	14-34
N.6	@PENN STATE	W	17-7
N.13	@MICHIGAN	L	10-41
N.20	Illinois	W	37-20
N.27	@HAWAII		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/11

OFFENSE

QB	14	Brett Basanez (6-2, 210, Jr.)
RB	33	Noah Herron (5-11, 230, Sr.)
LT	76	Trai Essex (6-4, 315, Sr.)
LG	60	Ikechuku Ndukwe (6-4, 320, Sr.)
C	50	Trevor Rees (6-2, 280, So.)
RG	64	Matt Ulrich (6-2, 310, Sr.)
RT	63	Zach Strief (6-7, 335, Jr.)
TE	47	Taylor Jones (6-3, 260, Jr.)
WR	2	Ashton Aikens (6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	9	Mark Philmore (5-10, 185, Jr.)
WR	5	Brandon Horn (6-1, 220, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	66	Loren Howard (6-4, 280, Jr.)
LT	67	Barry Cofield (6-4, 305, Jr.)
RT	94	Luis Castillo (6-3, 305, Sr.)
RE	97	Colby Clark (6-2, 290, Sr.)
SAM	51	John Pickens (6-2, 240, Sr.)
MLB	44	Erryn Cobb (601, 245, So.)
WIL	41	Tim McGarigle (6-1, 230, Jr.)
CB	31	Marvin Ward (5-11, 205, Sr.)
CB	28	Jeff Backes (5-9, 190, Jr.)
FS	21	Bryan Heinz (6-1, 205, So.)
SS	8	Dominique Price (6-0, 215, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	99	Brian Huffman (6-1, 225, Sr.)
P	99	Brian Huffman (6-1, 225, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Ryan Field
Capacity: 47,130
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Randy Walker, 6th Year
Record: 24-35
Career Record: 83-70-5

Bloomington, Ind. PRESEASON RANK 11

Indiana HOOSIERS

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 Big Ten

Official athletic Web site:
www.iuhoosiers.com

It wasn't that the Hoosiers were 2-10 in 2003, their second season under Gerry DiNardo. It was the *way* they lost that kept fans away from Memorial Stadium in droves. The average deficit in Indiana's defeats was 24.4 points.

The long, dusty trail from Bloomington to a bowl game could be shortened by a full complement of scholarship players for the first time in three years. But it isn't just how many that matters. It's how talented.

The key performer again is senior quarterback Matt LoVecchio, a Notre Dame transfer who struggled last season with nine interceptions and just three touchdown passes. He did account for 65 of the final 66 yards in a game-winning drive against Illinois, capped by an eight-yard run.

Sophomore running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis has a tricky name and similar moves. He was third in the conference with 98 yards rushing per game and finished with 938, the most for an Indiana newcomer since 1994.

Courtney Roby returns for his final season at wide receiver and could break most of the school's career pass-catching marks. He needs 41 grabs and 648 yards to erase those records.

The entire offensive line is back. And that's usually a good thing. We won't know for sure until we see the improvement in junior Adam Hines and senior Chris Jahnke at guard, junior Isaac Sowells and sophomore Justin Frye at tackle and sophomore Chris Mangiero at center.

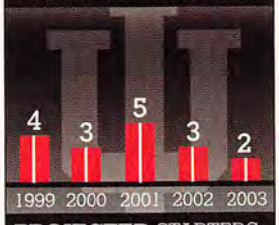
New defensive coordinator Joe Cullen has his entire front seven back, led by senior tackle Jodie Clemons. Tackle Martin Lapostolle and ends Kenny Kendal and Victor Adeyanju combined for 35 starts up front.

Junior linebacker Kyle Killion led the Hoosiers in 2003 with 97 stops, including 10 solo tackles against Purdue. The secondary should be better with senior Herana-Daze Jones, a former linebacker who's set at strong safety, and sophomore Will Meyers, arguably the league's top freshman defender last year, at free safety. Improvement is a must for a team that allowed 37.1 points per game in its losses.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Central Michigan		
S.11	@OREGON		
S.18	@KENTUCKY	L	17-34
S.25	Michigan State	L	3-31
O.2	Michigan	L	17-31
O.9	@NORTHWESTERN	L	31-37 (OT)
O.23	@OHIO STATE	L	6-35
O.30	Minnesota	L	7-55
N.6	@ILLINOIS	W	17-14
N.13	Penn State	L	7-52
N.20	@PURDUE	L	16-24

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 20
Lettermen returning/lost: 59/0

OFFENSE

QB	10	Matt LoVecchio (6-2, 216, Sr.)
FB	34	John Pannozzo (5-11, 230, Jr.)
HB	7	BenJarvus Green-Ellis (5-11, 220, So.)
LT	76	Issac Sowells (6-3, 325, Jr.)
LG	75	Adam Hines (6-3, 204, Jr.)
C	74	Chris Mangiero (6-1, 290, So.)
RG	72	Chris Jahnke (6-5, 310, Sr.)
RT	60	Justin Frye (6-5, 300, So.)
TE	87	Aaron Halterman (6-5, 260, Sr.)
WR	80	Travis Haney (6-5, 215, Sr.)
WR	19	Courtney Roby (6-0, 185, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Victor Adeyanju (6-4, 270, Sr.)
DT	56	Jodie Clemons (6-2, 287, Sr.)
NT	97	Martin LaPostolle, (6-2, 280, Sr.)
DE	92	Kenny Kendal (6-3, 250, Jr.)
SLB	48	Kevin Smith (6-2, 238, Sr.)
MLB	43	Kyle Killion (6-0, 230, Jr.)
WLB	6	Paul Szczesny (6-0, 240, Jr.)
CB	8	Buster Larkins (5-11, 185, Sr.)
CB	20	Courtney Clency (5-9, 189, Sr.)
FS	39	Will Meyers (5-11, 200, So.)
SS	21	Herana-Daze Jones (5-11, 205, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	28	Adam Braucher (5-7, 191, Sr.)
P	44	Tyson Beattie (6-1, 200, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 52,180
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Gerry DiNardo, 3rd Year
Record: 5-19
Career Record: 56-68-1

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
NORTH	Missouri ▶p.49	▶p.50	Huskers ▶p.51	▶p.52	▶p.53	Iowa State ▶p.53
SOUTH	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
	▶p.54	▶p.55	▶p.56	▶p.57	▶p.58	▶p.58

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Mark Clayton**, WR, Oklahoma
Best hands: **Nehemiah Glover**, WR, Texas Tech
Best passing QB: **Jason White**, Oklahoma
Best option QB: **Brad Smith**, Missouri
Most elusive RB: **Darren Sproles**, Kansas State
Best instincts: **Taurean Henderson**, RB, Texas Tech
Best athlete: **Cedric Benson**, RB, Texas
Best under pressure: **Brad Smith**, QB, Missouri
Top NFL prospect: **Derrick Johnson**, LB, Texas
Top impact freshman: **Bobby Reid**, QB, Oklahoma State
Hardest hitter: **Lance Mitchell**, LB, Oklahoma
Biggest underachiever: **Chance Mock**, QB, Texas

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Bill Snyder**, Kansas State
Best recruiter: **Bob Stoops**, Oklahoma
Coach on the spot: **Dennis Franchione**, Texas A&M

Don't be surprised if ...

Missouri wins its first division championship. The Tigers haven't finished first in football since winning the Big Eight in 1969.

One man's opinion

"Texas has to make a stand in the Oklahoma game, or it's going to cost Mack Brown."

—a Big 12 head coach

Rating the recruits

1. Oklahoma
Sooners get overall No. 1 prospect in RB Adrian Peterson.
2. Texas
Run-stuffing DT Franklin Okam heads another great class.
3. Texas A&M
Defensive tackle William Morrisey will make an impact.
4. Kansas State
Many jucos, watch for WR Yamon Figurs.
5. Nebraska
Recruited by old staff, most remained. O-lineman Murtha is key.
6. Missouri
Pinkel's best class led by QB Chase Patton.
7. Texas Tech
Best haul ever for Leach. Signed top JC and high school QBs.
8. Oklahoma State
Starting QB could be recruit Bobby Reid.
9. Iowa State
Good signing-day showing took edge off 2-10 season.
10. Colorado
Fallout from the scandal has started.
11. Kansas
Defensive end Charlton Keith was a frosh All-American at Minnesota.
12. Baylor
Signed several sons of great players; we'll see if the blood flows.

Official conference Web site: www.big12sports.com

With 'Huskers learning to throw and no favorite, it's as good a time as any for Mizzou

By Blair Kerkhoff
Kansas City Star

All's quiet on the Big 12's front. No bragging about national superiority, not after Oklahoma's stumble down the stretch and the league's poor showing in bowl games (2-6 overall, 0-2 in the BCS).

As for 2004 prospects, it's hard to say. Oklahoma remains the clear favorite in the South. It returns the Heisman Trophy winner in quarterback Jason White, a terrific wide receiver in Mark Clayton and adds perhaps the nation's top high school recruit, Adrian Peterson, at running back.

The defense loses some star power but picked up a huge addition in coordinator Bo Pelini, who turned around Nebraska's defense a year ago and didn't get the head-coaching job when Frank Solich was fired.

Falling in behind the Sooners will be the usual suspects—Texas, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech. It's only the second year for Dennis Franchione at Texas A&M, but last year's 4-8 campaign didn't go over well and progress needs to be made.

The North is as wide-open as ever. Defending league champion Kansas State lost quarterback Ell Roberson but returns running back Darren Sproles. The Wildcats have a favorable schedule and should again contend.

Missouri's looking like a favorite. With quarterback Brad Smith and a pair of defensive standouts in linebacker James Kinney and tackle C.J. Mosley, this could be the Tigers' year.

An air of uncertainty hovers over Colorado, which spent the late winter and spring in the national news over a recruiting/sex scandal. The fate of coach Gary Barnett, who missed spring practice, wasn't determined until after press time.

The big change happened at Nebraska. After decades of option football, the Cornhuskers usher in the West Coast offense under former Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan. Footballs will fly in Lincoln at a record pace this year. Can Nebraska contend in the new attack? Without a clear-cut favorite, this is a good year to try something new.

Games to watch

Southern Miss at Nebraska, Sept. 11
First big test for 'Huskers and new West Coast offense.

Oklahoma vs. Texas (at Dallas), Oct. 9
Sooners have won four in a row.

Missouri at Texas, Oct. 16
Mr. Smith goes to Austin and runs wild.

Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, Oct. 30
Cowboys were embarrassed in this matchup last season.

Kansas State at Missouri, Nov. 6
Could be the Tigers' biggest game in decades.

Richie Incognito, OL

Street & Smith's ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Jason White**, Sr., Oklahoma
WR—**Mark Clayton**, Sr., Oklahoma
WR—**Nehemiah Glover**, Sr., Texas Tech
RB—**Darren Sproles**, Sr., Kansas State
RB—**Cedric Benson**, Sr., Texas
TE—**Matt Herian**, Jr., Nebraska
OL—**Jammal Brown**, Sr. Oklahoma
OL—**Richie Incognito**, Jr., Nebraska
OL—**Sam Mayes**, Sr., Oklahoma State
OL—**Vince Carter**, Sr., Oklahoma
OL—**Mike Johnson**, Sr. Kansas State
PK—**Trey DiCarlo**, Jr., Oklahoma

DEFENSE

DL—**Dan Cody**, Sr., Oklahoma
DL—**Dusty Dvoracek**, Sr., Oklahoma
DL—**Jason Berryman**, So., Iowa State
DL—**C.J. Mosley**, Jr., Missouri
LB—**Derrick Johnson**, Sr., Texas
LB—**Barrett Ruud**, Sr., Nebraska
LB—**James Kinney**, Sr., Missouri
LB—**Lance Mitchell**, Sr., Oklahoma
DB—**Josh Bullocks**, Jr., Nebraska
DB—**Brodney Pool**, Jr., Oklahoma
DB—**Darrent Williams**, Sr., Oklahoma State
DB—**Donte Nicholson**, Sr., Oklahoma
P—**Daniel Sepulveda**, So., Baylor

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Arkansas State		
S.11	@TROY STATE		
S.18	Ball State	W	35-7
O.2	Colorado	L	16-21
O.9	@BAYLOR		
O.16	@TEXAS		
O.23	Oklahoma State		
O.30	@NEBRASKA	W	41-24
N.6	Kansas State	L	14-24
N.20	Kansas	L	14-35
N.27	@IOWA STATE	W	45-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/15

OFFENSE

QB	16	Brad Smith (6-3, 201, Jr.)
	5	Brandon Coleman (6-4, 210, So.)
TB	2	Damien Nash (5-11, 219, Jr.)
	20	Marcus Woods (5-8, 180, Fr.)
LT	78	Scott Paffrath (6-5, 292, Sr.)
	79	Tyler Luellen (6-, 280, Fr.)
LG	52	Tony Palmer (6-3, 303, Jr.)
	66	Howard Brissette (6-4, 304, Sr.)
C	77	Adam Spieker (6-3, 301, Fr.)
	57	Joe Gianino (6-3, 305, Sr.)
RG	55	Mike Cook (6-3, 317, So.)
	71	Monte Wyrick (6-4, 315, Fr.)
RT	68	Tony Clinker (6-4, 301, Sr.)
	74	Joel Clinger (6-6, 311, So.)
TE	98	Clint Matthews (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	84	Victor Sesay (6-6, 263, Sr.)
WR	87	Thomson Omboga (6-2, 192, Sr.)
	36	Andrew Hoskins (6-2, 204, So.)
WR	86	Brad Ekwerekwu (6-3, 204, So.)
	88	Arnold Britt (6-2, 182, Jr.)
WR	12	Sean Coffey (6-6, 224, Jr.)
	14	Jason Ray (6-2, 206, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Zach Ville (6-2, 272, Jr.)
	30	Lorenzo Williams (6-2, 259, Fr.)
DT	99	C.J. Mosley (6-3, 289, Jr.)
	92	Fabian Bean (6-4, 290, So.)
NT	97	Atiyyah Ellison (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	94	Phil Pitts (6-1, 287, Sr.)
DE	48	Xzavie Jackson (6-4, 258, So.)
	39	Brian Smith (6-3, 220, So.)
LB	24	James Kinney (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	53	Derrick Ming (5-11, 243, Jr.)
LB	33	Dedrick Harrington (6-3, 227, So.)
	46	Henry Sweat (6-0, 232, Sr.)
CB	17	Calvin Washington (6-1, 192, Jr.)
	7	A.J. Kincade (5-11, 180, Jr.)
CB	45	Shirdonya Mitchell (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	36	Marcus King (5-10, 191, Jr.)
WHP	8	David Overstreet (6-0, 203, So.)
	10	Josh Hibbets (6-2, 192, So.)
ROV	6	Jason Simpson (6-0, 202, Jr.)
	10	Josh Hibbets (6-2, 192, So.)
FS	22	Nino Williams (6-1, 202, Sr.)
	9	Justin Scott (6-0, 194, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	91	Alex Pettersen (6-4, 202, Fr.)
	84	Adam Crossett (6-0, 205, Fr.)
P	97	Derek Randall (5-10, 210, Fr.)
	8	Matt Hoenes (6-1, 195, So.)

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PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 Big 12 *(lost to Arkansas in the Independence Bowl, 27-14)*

Missouri

Columbia, Mo.

Official athletic Web site: www.mutigers.com

TIGERS

With Heisman candidate Smith running the show, this could be Mizzou's big year in Big 12

In the history of the Big 12 only six teams have won division titles, three from each side: Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma from the South; Nebraska, Kansas State and Colorado from the other. No other school has even been favored.

That could change this season.

Missouri has improved incrementally under coach Gary Pinkel. The Tigers have gone from 4-7 to 5-7 to 8-5 and the program's first bowl game since 1998.

Last year was a breakthrough in a few ways. Missouri ended a quarter-century losing streak to Nebraska and crushed Texas A&M and Texas Tech. Now, it's on to bigger and better things, says Pinkel, who welcomes talk of a division championship.

"I've always felt at the couple of places that I've been that there's a little bit of a respect factor (with a high prediction)," Pinkel says. "If you've got a little respect, you're going to be showing higher in your league or in rankings. So, I wish we'd be picked to win the national championship every year."

Missouri is a choice in the North Division because of 13 returning starters, including the most important one, quarterback Brad Smith.

Smith followed his outstanding freshman season with a solid sophomore campaign, rushing for 1,406 yards and 18 touchdowns, tops among Big 12 quarterbacks, and passing for 1,977.

The rushing numbers were better than the previous year; the passing numbers were below. But with a better supporting cast, Smith's bottom line was three more victories overall, two more in the conference and a bowl game.

When Missouri needed Smith to win a game, he did. He was dazzling in the fourth quarter against Nebraska, when the Tigers scored 24 points to erase a 10-point deficit. And Smith rushed for 291 yards and five touchdowns against Texas Tech.

What's next for Smith? Pinkel wants more production in the passing game. The Tigers rushed for 3,087 yards and passed for 2,158.

Smith will operate behind an inexperienced offensive line. Guard Tony Palmer is the only full-time returning starter, although center/guard Joe Gianino and tackle Scott Paffrath each started at times last season. Missouri will count on redshirt freshman Adam Spieker at center.

Smith didn't have a favorite receiving target like he did as a freshman with Justin Gage. This season it may be Brad Ekwerekwu, a sophomore, who wound up with 11 receptions for 128 yards. Junior Thomson Omboga (52 catches) and Sean Coffey (27) also return.

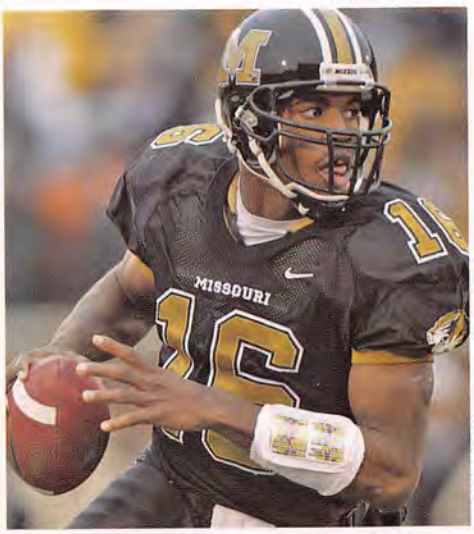
Filling 1,155-yard rusher Zach Abron's shoes at running back will be either Damien Nash, last year's top reserve, or redshirt freshman Marcus Woods, who had the better spring.

The Tigers will score. Preventing scores has been the problem in the Pinkel era. Missouri is changing its scheme from a 5-2 to a 4-3. Two position switches were made to improve the team speed: David Richard, a Michigan State transfer, went from running back to linebacker. Also, Alex Woodley moved from running back to cornerback.

Richard had a solid spring, as did linebacker Dedrick Harrington and defensive backs Marcus Bacon and David Overstreet. What pleases Pinkel is the depth. He believes he has second-team players who could be starters and that hasn't happened in his previous three seasons.

The defensive stalwarts are linebacker James Kinney, who finished fourth in the Big 12 in tackles, and second-team all-league tackle C.J. Mosley, who finished with 71 tackles.

Brad Smith, *QB*



NEWMAN LOWRANCE

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Memorial Stadium/ Faurot Field **Capacity:** 68,349 **Turf:** Grass	**Gary Pinkel,** 4th Year **Record:** 17-19 **Career Record:** 90-56-3	**Craig Kuligowski** (DL), **Dave Christensen** (assistant head coach/off. coordinator), **Matt Eberflus** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Cornell Ford** (outside safeties), **Andy Hill** (WRs), **Brain Jones** (RBs), **Dave Steckel** (ILBs), **Bruce Walker** (TEs/assistant OL), **David Yost** (QBs/recruiting coordinator)

BIG 12 NORTH

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 11-4 overall, 6-2 Big 12 *(lost to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, 35-28)*

Kansas State

Manhattan, Kan.

Official athletic Web site: www.kstatesports.com

WILDCATS

Snyder breaks out the PR machine for what he hopes will be Sproles' senior-season run to glory

The incident involving Ell Roberson at the Fiesta Bowl spoiled what should have been an entire offseason of good feelings for Kansas State.

The Wildcats provided a long-awaited breakthrough victory, smashing top-ranked Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship Game and turning the Bowl Championship Series on its head. The conference championship was the first at Kansas State since 1934 and the crowning achievement in the Bill Snyder era.

But all the goodwill was gone by kickoff of the Fiesta. Roberson broke curfew but didn't miss a snap. The distracted program fell behind early to Ohio State and lost a game it figured to win.

Onward. A muddled North Division picture makes Kansas State as good a choice to win the division title as any. The losses are heavy, starting with Roberson. In all, the Wildcats must replace 14 starters, but K-State returns perhaps the nation's top running back in Darren Sproles.

Here's how much Snyder thinks of Sproles, the 5-7 dynamo who draws comparisons to Barry Sanders: He's considering allowing the sports information department to start a Heisman Trophy campaign for him.

If that doesn't sound like stop-the-presses news, consider Snyder has not only not singled out players for national praise, he went out of his way in 1998 to keep quarterback Michael Bishop out of the limelight.

Darren Sproles, *RB*

NEWMAN LOWRANCE

"He is more than just a guy that makes a commitment when you hand the ball off to him," Snyder says. "He's a hard runner, a pass-catcher, he's developed as a blocker, he's a punt returner, and he's a kickoff returner. He's very talented."

Sproles rushed for 1,986 yards and 6.5 yards per carry last season. He went for 235 rushing yards and 88 receiving yards against the Sooners.

The good news for Sproles is the return of three offensive linemen—tackles Jeromy Clary and Jon Doty and guard-turned-center Mike Johnson. Also back on offense are starters Brian Casey, a tight end, and Antoine Polite, a wide receiver.

The quarterback job will go to either Dylan Meier or Allen Webb, with Meier considered the favorite. Meier, a sophomore, is a terrific athlete who finished as the team's third-leading rusher last season. He averaged more than nine yards per carry. He's working on his throwing accuracy. But Snyder likes his poise.

"Dylan is an amazing young guy," Snyder says. "He has picked up things we do more rapidly and with greater understanding than most quarterbacks we've had here."

Webb started his career at Indiana and sat out his first season as a redshirt. He came to K-State and ran the scout team last season. He's a dual-threat quarterback who also played wide receiver in high school.

The fullback is Victor Mann, who started one game last season and helped pave the way for a 273-yard rushing game by Sproles against Missouri.

After Polite at wide receiver is Davin Dennis, who had a 100-yard game against Ohio State, and Jermaine Moreira. Moreira caught 17 passes a freshman last season.

The big losses are on defense. Seven starters are gone. But K-State had developed depth, and no position will be manned by a rookie. The Wildcats played an eight-man rotation up front and back are tackles Jermaine Berry, Quintin Echols and Derek Marso. Sixth-year senior Andrew Bulman joins the group on the inside. Scott Edmonds and Kevin Huntley look solid at ends.

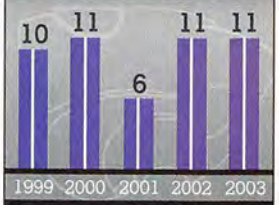
It's a new linebacking corps now, led by Ted Sims in the middle. Cedrick Williams became one of the league's top defensive backs and free safety Jesse Tetuan is a three-year starter.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: KSU Stadium/ Wagner Field **Capacity:** 50,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Bill Snyder,** 16th Year **Record:** 127-55-1 **Career Record:** 127-55-1	**Bob Elliot** (def. coordinator/DBs), **Mo Latimore** (DTs), **Del Miller** (co-off. coordinator/QBs), **Matt Miller** (TEs), **Greg Peterson** (WRs/co-off. coordinator), **Michael Smith** (RBs), **Joe Bob Clements** (DEs), **Bob Stanley** (OL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 4	Western Kentucky		
S. 11	Fresno State		
S. 18	Louisiana-Lafayette		
O. 2	@TEXAS A&M		
O. 9	@KANSAS	W	42-6
O. 16	Oklahoma	W	35-7
O. 23	Nebraska	W	38-9
O. 30	Texas Tech		
N. 6	@MISSOURI	W	24-14
N. 13	@COLORADO	W	49-20
N. 20	Iowa State	W	45-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 33/29

OFFENSE

QB	9	Dylan Meier (6-4, 205, So.)
	6	Allen Webb (6-3, 205, So.)
FB	42	Victor Mann (6-2, 255, Jr.)
	36	Ayo Saba (6-0, 275, Jr.)
RB	43	Darren Sproles (5-7, 180, Sr.)
	21	Carlos Alsup (6-1, 210, Jr.)
LT	79	Jon Doty (6-8, 300, Sr.)
	71	Michael Weiner (6-5, 275, Jr.)
LG	76	Travis Triplett (6-6, 315, Sr.)
	72	Justin D'arcy (6-5, 290, Jr.)
C	60	Mike Johnson (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	51	Jacob Voegeli (6-2, 276, Fr.)
RG	77	Chris Boggas (6-5, 315, Sr.)
	64	Malcolm Wooldridge (6-2, 330, Sr.)
RT	66	Jeromy Clary (6-7, 300, Jr.)
	65	Logan Robinson (6-9, 320, Fr.)
TE	86	Brian Casey (6-7, 270, Sr.-2L)
	89	Rashaad Norwood (6-5, 230, Fr.)
WR	15	Davin Dennis (6-1, 180, Jr.)
	82	Joe Lawson (6-0, 190, Sr.)
WR	2	Antoine Polite (6-2, 195, Sr.)
	10	Jermaine Moreira (5-11, 190, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	93	Scott Edmonds (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	34	Blake Seiler (6-3, 240, So.)
DT	91	Jermaine Berry (6-0, 295, Sr.)
	56	Quintin Echols (6-2, 305, So.)
DT	96	Andrew Bulman (6-3, 285, Sr.)
	95	Derek Marso (6-3, 295, Jr.)
DE	52	Kevin Huntley (6-8, 265, Sr.)
	47	Alax Carrier (6-4, 255, Sr.)
SLB	59	Matt Butler (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	13	Sean Lowe (6-3, 225, So.)
MLB	45	Ted Sims (6-1, 235, Jr.-1L)
	55	Marvin Simmons (6-1, 240, Jr.)
WLB	57	Maurice Thurmond (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	46	Brandon Archer (6-2, 225, So.)
CB	2	Louis Lavender (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	28	David Rose (5-10, 180, Sr.)
CB	4	Cedrick Williams (5-10, 170, Sr.)
	3	Bryan Baldwin (5-11, 185, Fr.)
FS	23	Jesse Tetuan (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	24	Maurice Mack (6-0, 200, So.)
SS	31	Marcus Patton (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	38	Blane Clark (6-2, 190, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

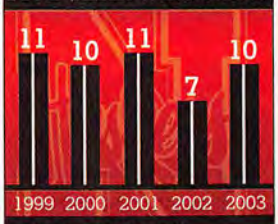
PK	15	Joe Rheem (6-2, 195, Sr.)
	19	Jeff Snodgrass (6-2, 200, So.)
P	88	Jesse Martinez (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	12	Terry Dillinger (6-0, 180, Sr.)

BIG 12 NORTH

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Western Illinois		
S.11	Southern Mississippi	W	38-14
S.18	@PITTSBURGH		
O.2	Kansas	W	24-3
O.9	@TEXAS TECH		
O.16	Baylor		
O.23	@KANSAS STATE	L	9-38
O.30	Missouri	L	24-41
N.6	@IOWA STATE	W	28-0
N.13	@OKLAHOMA		
N.26	Colorado	W	31-22

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/33

OFFENSE

QB	12	Joe Dailey (6-0, 205, So.)
	16	Mike Stuntz (6-1, 200, Jr.)
FB	45	Steve Kriewald (5-10, 245, Sr.)
	41	Dane Todd (5-10, 235, So.)
RB	4	Cory Ross (5-6, 200, Jr.)
	30	Tierre Green (6-0, 195, Fr.)
C	51	Richie Incognito (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	59	Brett Byford (6-2, 290, Fr.)
LG	75	Brandon Koch (6-3, 310, Jr.)
	73	Jared Helming (6-3, 300, Jr.)
LT	64	Kurt Mann (6-3, 290, So.)
	77	Seppo Evwaraye (6-5, 300, Jr.)
RG	69	Nick Povendo (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	71	Jake Andersen (6-1, 300, Sr.)
RT	67	Darren DeLone (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	54	Chris Patrick (6-5, 265, Fr.)
TE	11	Matt Herian (6-5, 240, Jr.)
	47	Dusty Keiser (6-3, 250, Sr.)
WR	2	Ross Pilkington (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	10	Mark LeFlore (5-11, 185, Jr.)
WR	28	Isaiah Fluellen (6-0, 180, So.)
	19	Andy Birkel (6-2, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	5	Benard Thomas (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	44	Jay Moore (6-4, 260, So.)
RT	96	Titus Adams (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	74	Brandon Teamer (6-5, 280, So.)
LT	66	Le Kevin Smith (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	99	Brandon Gresson (6-3, 290, So.)
DE	90	Adam Carriker (6-6, 260, So.)
	57	Wali Muhammad (6-1, 245, Jr.)
SAM	34	Stewart Bradley (6-4, 240, So.)
	51	Bo Ruud (6-3, 215, Fr.)
MKE	38	Barrett Ruud (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	11	Ira Cooper (6-2, 230, Sr.)
WIL	54	Chad Sievers (6-3, 230, Sr.)
	17	Mark Brungardt (6-2, 225, So.)
CB	3	Fabian Washington (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	18	Adrian Turner (5-9, 180, Fr.)
CB	1	Lornell McPherson (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	12	Titus Brothers (5-11, 190, Fr.)
FS	20	Josh Bullocks (6-1, 195, Jr.)
	8	Andrew Shanle (6-1, 205, So.)
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	23	Shane Siegel (6-2, 220, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	27	David Dyches (6-1, 200, So.)
	22	Sandro DeAngelis (5-8, 200, Sr.)
P	37	Sam Koch (6-1, 230, Jr.)
	90	Tyler Kester (6-1, 195, Fr.)

3 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 5-3 Big 12 *(beat Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl, 17-3)*

Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb.

Official athletic Web site: www.huskers.com

CORNHUSKERS

BIG 12 NORTH

'Husker Nation prepares for Callahan's altered state of offense

Here's how different things are at Nebraska: On the first play of the spring game, backs lined up at tight end, with a tight end in the backfield. They shifted. And shifted again. Then quarterback Joe Dailey play-faked and launched a deep pass over the middle to tight end Matt Herian. It fell incomplete. But more than 61,000 cheered.

"Maybe everybody was expecting us to run the option as a joke or something," Dailey said.

It's no joke. No program in America enters the 2004 season in a more altered state than Nebraska. Playing option football for decades, the Cornhuskers led the nation in rushing 13 times since 1980. Three of those teams won national championships. All of them went to bowl games. None finished under .500.

But after a two-year record of 17-10, which would mark a golden era at some schools, Nebraska entered a brave new world.

It fired Frank Solich and hired West Coast-offense devotee Bill Callahan, who had just lost his job as the Oakland Raiders' head coach.

It's a pass-first attack that controls possession with five-yard passes instead of five-yard runs. Former 49ers coach Bill Walsh is credited with developing the system that helped San Francisco win five Super Bowls. Joe Montana and later Steve Young were quarterbacks who thrived in it. Wide receiver Jerry Rice became the game's most dangerous pass-catcher in it, and former 'Husker Roger Craig became the first NFL player to gain 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 receiving in the same season because of it.

Running the offense, Callahan took the Raiders to the Super Bowl in the 2002 season, and quarterback Rich Gannon was the NFL MVP. Oakland led the league in passing for the first time and in total offense for the second time in franchise history that season.

Two years earlier, with Callahan as the Raiders' offense coordinator, Oakland led the NFL in rushing.

"The idea is to make the defense defend the whole field," offensive coordinator Jay Norvell says. "We want to get all of our guys involved."

But does Nebraska have the material to make it work? Nearly every offensive player in the program was recruited to run the option. Dailey is convinced he can adjust, but the 'Huskers may end up going with a junior-college transfer at QB, Jordan Adams, who started only one game last year for Grossmont JC in California but threw for a school-record 531 yards in that game while running the West Coast offense.

Herian, running backs Cory Ross and David Horne, wide receivers Isaiah Fluellen, Ross Pilkington and Mark LeFlore will be the first to test-drive the new attack.

The offensive line might have the toughest adjustment. Plowing season is over. The 'Huskers must now block for a quarterback who could throw as many as 50 passes a game. But they have one of the Big 12's best in Richie Incognito, who has moved from left tackle to center.

There's change on the defensive side as well, although not *as* drastic. The Cornhuskers wanted last year's coordinator Bo Pelini to get the head-coaching job and were bitter when he didn't. After all, Pelini was a major reason for Nebraska's improved fortunes last season, from 7-7 to 10-3. He reshaped a defense that finished 55th in yards allowed in 2002. The Cornhuskers were ranked in the top 10 most of the season and finished 11th. And it was Pelini who held the program together as interim head coach when Nebraska beat Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl.

But Pelini is now Oklahoma's coordinator and Nebraska has Kevin Cosgrove, who had the same role at Wisconsin.

Nebraska likely will play a little more man coverage and some individual roles will change slightly, but the changes aren't expected to be drastic. The 'Huskers have more proven talent on defense, with All-America-type players in free safety Josh Bullocks (second in Division I-A in interceptions) and linebacker Barrett Ruud.

Also in the secondary are proven players Fabian Washington at corner and Daniel Bullocks, Josh's twin brother, at strong safety.

Up front are tackle Le Kevin Smith and end Benard Thomas. One of the biggest developments of spring was the emergence of sophomore Adam Carriker, who should nail down the other end.

Nebraska won't be favored to win the North, but the division appears weaker than past years. Still, the 'Husker faithful enter this season with conflicting senses of wild anticipation and trepidation. It's what happens when the program's football identity changes this radically.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Memorial Stadium/ Tom Osborne Field **Capacity:** 73,918 **Turf:** Artificial	**Bill Callahan,** 1st Year **Record:** 0-0 **Career Record:** 0-0	**Kevin Cosgrove** (def. coordinator/ILBs), **Jay Norvell** (off. coordinator/QBs), **John Blake** (DL), **Bill Busch** (OLBs), **Scott Downing** (TEs/specialists/recruiting coordinator), **Phil Elmassian** (secondary), **Turner Gill** (receivers), **Randy Jordan** (RBs), **Dennis Wagner** (OL)

PRESEASON RANK **4**

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 Big 12

Colorado

Boulder, Colo.

Official athletic Web site: www.cubuffs.com

BUFFALOES

Off-field controversies will make this season a trying one for Buffaloes

Ah, football season in the Flatirons. On a cool, crisp autumn afternoon there's no more pleasant setting in college football.

But football over the past eight months at Colorado has been anything but pleasant. Spring football passed with coach Gary Barnett sitting in his Boulder home while interim coach Brian Cabral ran the team.

To review: Barnett was placed on paid leave on Feb. 18 for making insensitive remarks about former Colorado placekicker Katie Hnida, who claimed she was raped by a Colorado football player in 2000. Throughout the late winter and spring, the school was caught up in a swirl of controversy when eight other women said they were sexually assaulted by CU football players or recruits over the past four years.

"With everything going on, practice was a sanctuary," Cabral says. "It was a place they could go and focus and leave everything else behind."

Colorado needed all the practice it could get. More was expected than delivered from the Buffs last season. Seeking a third straight division title, the Buffs fell to 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12, a record that included a loss to Baylor.

Before the off-field problems hit, Barnett had made changes. Mike Hankwitz, a former Buffs coach, returned to run a defense that went soft last season, allowing 432 yards per game. Hankwitz was part of a glory era of the early 1990s and did stints at Kansas, Texas A&M and Arizona. He introduces a 4-3 scheme to replace the 4-2-5 Colorado has used for the past two seasons.

Another coaching development involved assistant Vance Joseph. Less than a week after being suspended by Colorado, Joseph turned up on Bowling Green's staff. Bowling Green coach Gregg Brandon, a former Colorado assistant, says he's known Joseph for 10 years and didn't care about the investigation in Boulder.

On offense, Colorado's running game disappeared last season. The Buffs averaged 93.5 yards per game, their lowest mark since 1984. Looking to return to form is Bobby Purify, who sat out last year as a medical redshirt after rushing for 739 yards in 2002.

Quarterback Joel Klatt had some good moments in 2003 and finished as the Big 12's sixth-rated passer. Not bad for player who started the year with only eight collegiate snaps to his credit. Klatt threw for 2,614 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 65.1 percent.

Joel Klatt, QB

STEVE BEYER

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Folsom Field **Capacity:** 53,740 **Turf:** Grass	**Brian Cabral,** Interim **Record:** 0-0 **Career Record:** 0-0	**Shawn Watson** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Dave Borbely** (OL), **Ted Gilmore** (receivers), **Shawn Simms** (RBs), **John Wristen** (TEs), **Vince Okruch** (safeties), **Mike Hankwitz** (defensive coordinator), **Chris Wilson** (DL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Colorado State	W	42-35
S.11	@WASHINGTON ST.@	L	26-47
S.18	North Texas		
O.2	@MISSOURI	W	21-16
O.9	Oklahoma State		
O.16	Iowa State	W	44-10
O.23	@TEXAS A&M		
O.30	Texas		
N.6	@KANSAS	W	50-47 (OT)
N.13	Kansas State	L	20-49
N.26	@NEBRASKA	L	22-31

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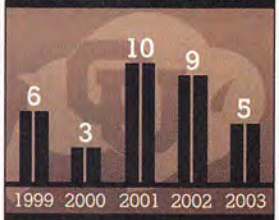
FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/17

OFFENSE

QB	14	Joel Klatt (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	10	James Cox (6-3, 215, So.)
FB	17	Lawrence Vickers (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	8	Daniel Jolly (6-0, 220, So.)
TB	42	Bobby Purify (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	31	Isaiah Crawford (5-10, 190, Fr.-RS)
LT	74	Sam Wilder (6-5, 285, Sr.)
	78	Tyler Polumbus (6-8, 275, Fr.-RS)
LG	62	John Guydon (6-2, 290, Jr.)
	63	Jack Tipton (6-4, 285, So.)
C	58	Mark Fenton (6-4, 295, So.)
	78	Terrance Barreau (6-3, 295, Sr.)
RG	66	Brian Daniels (6-5, 300, So.)
	79	Gary Moore (6-7, 340, Jr.)
RT	73	Clint O'Neal (6-6, 285, Jr.)
	61	Edwin Harrison (6-5, 300, Fr.-RS)
TE	89	Joe Klopfenstein (6-5, 240, Jr.)
	45	Quinn Sypniewski (6-7, 255, Sr.)
WR	4	Ron Monteilh (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	81	Mike Duren (5-9, 190, Sr.)
WR	82	Evan Judge (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	83	Dusty Sprague (6-4, 180, Fr.-RS)

DEFENSE

DE	51	Alex Ligon (6-4, 240, So.)
	53	Abraham Wright (6-3, 235, So.)
DT	60	Matt McChesney (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	96	Marcus Jones (6-5, 290, So.)
NT	93	Vaka Manupuna (6-1, 275, Jr.)
	99	McKenzie Tilmon (6-4, 305, Sr.)
DE	82	James Garee (6-5, 255, Jr.)
	95	Chad Evans (6-4, 265, Fr.-RS)
OLB	27	Brian Iwuh (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	19	Ben Carpenter (6-4, 210, So.)
MLB	49	Thaddaeus Washington (6-0, 235, So.)
	50	Chris Hollis (6-1, 240, Jr.)
OLB	12	Akarika Dawn (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	55	Jason Ackermann (6-2, 215, So.)
CB	1	Sammy Joseph (6-1, 180, So.)
	31	Gerett Burl (5-10, 160, So.)
CB	7	Vance Washington (5-9, 180, Jr.)
	22	Lorenzo Sims (5-11, 185, So.)
FS	5	J.J. Billingsley (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	9	Tom Hubbard (6-5, 210, Jr.)
SS	18	Dominique Brooks (6-2, 195, So.)
	4	Chris Russell (6-3, 195, Fr.-RS)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Mason Crosby(6-2, 195, So.)
	39	Kevin Eberhart (5-10, 175, So.)
P	39	Kevin Eberhart (5-10, 175, So.)
	29	John Torp (6-2, 200, Jr.)

BIG 12 NORTH

Lawrence, Kan. PRESEASON RANK 5

Kansas JAYHAWKS

003 Record: 6-7 overall, 3-5 Big 12 *(lost to N.C. State in the Tangerine Bowl, 56-26)*

Official athletic Web site:
www.kuathletics.com

Looking back on last year's Big 12 quarterback crop, no one could disagree that Oklahoma's Jason White, Texas Tech's B.J. Symons, Kansas State's Ell Roberson or Missouri's Brad Smith didn't deserve top mention for postseason honors.

But it could also be argued that no player had a greater impact on his team than Kansas' Bill Whittemore. He led the Jayhawks to their first bowl game in nine years and pretty much carried the offense.

Whittemore's gone and the replacement, Adam Barmann, has huge shoes to fill. But Barmann responded well to the call of duty as a true freshman, pulling off his redshirt last season to sub for an injured Whittemore and get three late starts. In his first game, he threw for 294 yards and four touchdown passes in a loss at Texas A&M.

Barmann didn't emerge from a high school football factory, rather he prepped at Weston (Mo.) High, and was one of 52 in his graduating class.

If Barmann can't hold the job, it will go to juco transfer Jason Swanson, who threw for more than 3,600 yards the past two years at City College of San Francisco. Swanson was offered a scholarship at Michigan State out of high school—to play the violin. He also plays the piano, clarinet, flute and sax.

There was nothing melodic about the Jayhawks' defense last season, and that's the big concern heading into this season. Kansas ranked 84th in scoring defense (30.5 ppg) and 96th in rushing defense (194.7 ypg). Often they found themselves trying to outscore teams to win.

The proven commodities start with Charles Gordon, who played wide receiver and defensive back last season. He led KU with 769 receiving yards. The Jayhawks have plenty of wideouts and Gordon may find himself mostly on defense until depth can be developed in the secondary.

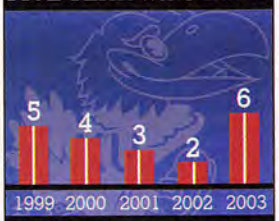
"We're faster than we've ever been, and our defensive line is quicker and more athletic," Kansas coach Mark Mangino says. "Overall, I feel very good about the development of this team."

JOHN WILLIAMSON

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Tulsa		
S.11	Toledo		
S.18	@NORTHWESTERN	L	20-28
S.25	Texas Tech		
O.2	@NEBRASKA	L	3-24
O.9	Kansas State	L	6-42
O.23	@OKLAHOMA		
O.30	@IOWA STATE	W	36-7
N.6	Colorado	L	47-50 (OT)
N.13	Texas		
N.20	@MISSOURI	W	35-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 20/22

OFFENSE

QB	7	Adam Barmann (6-4, 210, So.)
FB	33	Austine Nwabuisi (6-0, 235, Sr.)
RB	30	Clark Green (5-11, 220, Jr.)
LT	71	Cesar Rodriguez (6-7, 265, r-Fr.)
LG	77	Bob Whitaker (6-5, 320, So.)
C	56	Joe Vaughn (6-1, 285, Sr.)
RG	75	Tony Coker (6-5, 315, Sr.)
RT	68	Matt Thompson (6-4, 295, Jr.)
TE	85	Derek Fine (6-2, 240, So.)
WR	84	Brandon Rideau (6-4, 190, Jr.)
WR	83	Mark Simmons (5-11, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	36	John McCoy (6-3, 250, Sr.)
DT	67	Travis Watkins (6-4, 295, Sr.)
DT	79	Chris Brant (6-3, 285, So.)
DE	92	David McMillan (6-3, 240, Sr.)
OLB	5	Banks Floodman (6-3, 230, Jr.)
MLB	1	Gabriel Toomey (6-4, 235, Jr.)
OLB	7	Nick Reid (6-4, 226, Jr.)
CB	3	Charles Gordon (5-11, 170, So.)
CB	20	Theo Baines (5-11, 190, Jr.)
FS	23	Rodney Fowler (6-0, 195, Jr.)
SS	9	Tony Stubbs (5-10, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Johnny Beck (6-1, 215, Sr.)
P	41	Chris Tyrrell (5-11, 235, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 50,071
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:
Mark Mangino, 3rd Year
Record: 8-17
Career Record: 8-17

Ames, Iowa PRESEASON RANK 6

Iowa State CYCLONES

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 0-8 Big 12

Official athletic Web site:
www.cyclones.com

It was a rude trip to the bad old days for Iowa State last season.

After three straight bowl trips, the Cyclones could not overcome losses in key positions and fell to 2-10. They were 0-8 in league play.

The Cyclones are strongly considering a quarterback change. Austin Flynn, who started most games and threw for 112 yards per contest last season, enters the fall no better than a co-No. 1 with Bret Meyer, a redshirt freshman.

Meyer was given the chance to win the job in the spring, but an average spring game left the position without a clear winner.

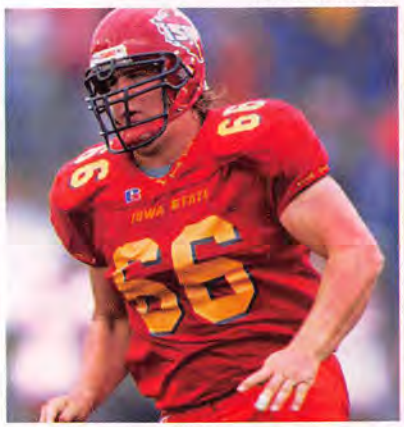
Either way, "we're going to have to live with some mistakes, but the upside I think is pretty big," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney says.

The offense will be working with a new coordinator. Barney Cotton came over from Nebraska and says improving the unit's toughness is a priority. A tougher Iowa State should be able to run the ball better, which was a big problem last year.

The Cyclones had produced a 1,000-yard rusher in each of McCarney's first seven seasons. But there hasn't been one in the past two years. The Cyclones are looking to Stevie Hicks to pick up the pace. He rushed for 164 yards and two touchdowns in the spring game.

The team's top player could be defensive end Jason Berryman.

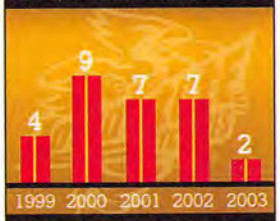
Nick Leaders, *NG*



2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Northern Iowa	W	17-10
S.11	@IOWA	L	21-40
S.18	Northern Illinois	L	16-24
O.2	@OKLAHOMA STATE		
O.9	Texas A&M		
O.16	@COLORADO	L	10-44
O.23	@BAYLOR		
O.30	Kansas	L	7-36
N.6	Nebraska	L	0-28
N.20	@KANSAS STATE	L	0-45
N.27	Missouri	L	7-45

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 33/24

OFFENSE

QB	7	Bret Meyer (6-3, 205, Fr.)
FB	31	Ryan Kock (6-4, 242, So.)
TB	27	Stevie Hicks Jr. (6-2, 210, So.)
LT	53	Cale Stubbe (6-4, 300, Sr.)
LG	72	Kory Pence (6-4, 210, Jr.)
C	67	Luke Vander Sanden (6-2, 305, Sr.)
RG	58	Seth Zehr (6-5, 290, So.)
RT	75	Aaron Brant (6-7, 315, So.)
TE	86	James Wright III (6-3, 240, Sr.)
WR	5	Todd Miller (5-8, 175, Sr.)
FL	87	Andy Kohler (6-5, 220, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	84	Jason Berryman (6-2, 225, So.)
DT	52	Brent Curvey (6-0, 295, So.)
NG	66	Nick Leaders (6-2, 290, Jr.)
DE	43	Cephus Johnson (6-2, 250, Jr.)
SLB	58	Erik Anderson (6-1, 224, Sr.)
MLB	33	Brandon Brown (6-0, 229, Sr.)
WLB	1	Tyson Smith (6-2, 240, Sr.)
CB	20	Henry Poullard (5-9, 165, Sr.)
CB	11	Ellis Hobbs III (5-9, 190, Sr.)
SS	9	Nik Moster (6-0, 195, Jr.)
FS	8	Steve Paris (6-1, 193, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Tony Yelk (6-0, 200, Sr.)
P	14	Tony Yelk (6-0, 200, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Jack Trice Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:
Dan McCarney, 9th Year
Record: 38-67
Career Record: 38-67

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 12-2 overall, 8-0 Big 12 *(lost to LSU in the Sugar Bowl, 21-14)*

Oklahoma

Norman, Okla.

Official athletic Web site: www.soonersports.com

SOONERS

BIG 12 SOUTH

Stoops hoping for improved running game to take pressure off of reigning Heisman winner White

There's just no explaining the end of Oklahoma's 2003 season, except maybe to say all the good fortune that seemed to smile on this program since Bob Stoops arrived in 1998 was paid back in full over two games.

You'll recall the Sooners were the most definitive No. 1 possible entering the Big 12 Championship Game. They received every vote in the wire-service polls, every top ranking in the computers that make up that component of the Bowl Championship Series standing.

Then in one incredible evening it came crashing down, a 35-7 loss to Kansas State for the Big 12 title. The staggered Sooners couldn't recover and fell to LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

So, now what?

Should Oklahoma be seen as a juggernaut with 15 starters and both kickers returning from the 12-week world-beaters, or the team exposed by K-State and LSU?

"Hopefully what those games did was make us more determined," coach Stoops says.

But there's no reason to reinvent a system that's produced three division titles, two conference crowns and a national championship in the past five years.

"There won't be any changes," Stoops says. "We played 14 games and won 12 of them, got in the national championship game. It was a good season. Our sense of urgency and intensity has always been at a high level."

Jason White, *QB*

PAUL JASIENSKI

Oklahoma is determined to change a few things offensively this season. The Sooners want to spruce up the running game and seek a difference-maker at tailback in the mold of Quentin Griffin two years ago. Oklahoma averaged 153.2 rushing yards per game last season, getting less than that in the two losses combined.

The answer might be a freshman Adrian Peterson, hailed by some recruiting services as the nation's top running back prospect.

The Sooners also want to diversify the passing game. It got too predictable toward the end of last season, and was further limited when quarterback Jason White injured his hand in the Kansas State game. White was remarkable through the regular season and at one point had thrown 40 touchdown passes to six interceptions. But there were no touchdowns and four picks in the last two games.

White captured the Heisman and, after being granted an extra year of eligibility, is college football's first returning Heisman Trophy winner in more than a decade. White, who had battled back from two knee surgeries, underwent offseason procedures to repair injuries to his left knee, right hand and left foot.

The big news on defense is the return of linebacker Lance Mitchell, the team's top tackler in 2002 who missed all but three games last season with knee surgery, and the acquisition of co-coordinator Bo Pelini.

Nebraska's loss was Oklahoma's gain. Pelini turned the Cornhuskers' defense around last season and led Nebraska to a victory in the Alamo Bowl as the interim head coach. When he didn't get the job permanently, Oklahoma snapped him up to replace Mike Stoops, the new Arizona coach.

The defense loses big-time playmakers in Derrick Strait, Teddy Lehman and Tommy Harris. But besides Mitchell, all-conference tackle Dusty Dvoracek, end Dan Cody, strong safety Donte Nicholson, free safety Brodney Pool and linebacker Gayron Allen are back.

The offense has just as much firepower returning: White, flanker Mark Clayton, tackle Jammal Brown and center Vince Carter were all first-team all-conference. The offensive line proved to be an issue when White was sacked 16 times in the last four games.

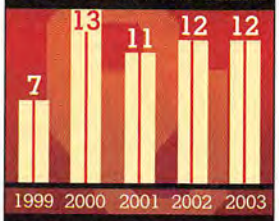
STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Gaylord Family Memorial Casey **Capacity:** 81,207 **Turf:** Grass	**Bob Stoops,** 6th Year **Record:** 55-11 **Career Record:** 55-11	**Bo Pelini** (co-def. coordinator), **Chuck Long** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Brent Venables** (co-def. coordinator/LBs), **Bobby Jack Wright** (DEs/recruiting coordinator), **Cale Gundy** (RBs), **Jackie Shipp** (DL), **Kevin Sumlin** (TEs), **Kevin Wilson** (OL/running-game coordinator), **Darrell Wyatt** (receivers)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Bowling Green		
S.11	Houston		
S.18	Oregon		
O.2	Texas Tech	W	56-25
O.9	Texas*	W	65-13
O.16	@KANSAS STATE	L	7-35
O.23	Kansas		
O.30	@OKLAHOMA STATE	W	52-9
N.6	@TEXAS A&M	W	77-0
N.13	Nebraska		
N.20	@BAYLOR	W	41-3

* At Dallas, TX

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/11

OFFENSE

QB	18	Jason White (6-2, 228, Sr.)
	12	Paul Thompson (6-4, 189, Jr.)
FB	38	J.D. Runnells (6-1, 238, Jr.)
	39	Dan Townsend (6-0, 220, Jr.)
RB	20	KeJuan Jones (5-9, 191, Jr.)
		Adrian Peterson (6-2, 213, Fr.)
LT	60	Wes Sims (6-5, 311, Sr.)
	79	Chris Messner (6-7, 270, So.)
LG	70	Kelvin Chaisson (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	59	Brett Rayl (6-7, 304, Jr.)
C	50	Vince Carter (6-3, 283, Sr.)
	52	Chris Bush (6-4, 280, Jr.)
RG	77	Davin Joseph (6-4, 295, Jr.)
	62	J.D. Qinn (6-3, 270, Fr.)
RT	55	Jammal Brown (6-6, 310, Sr.)
	69	Akim Millinton (6-6, 300, r-Fr.)
TE	89	James Moses (6-3, 241, Sr.)
	84	Chris Chester (6-4, 244, Jr.)
FL	9	Mark Clayton (5-11, 175, Sr.)
	4	Travis Wilson (6-3, 220, Jr.)
WR	3	JeJuan Rankins (5-11, 160, Jr.)
	29	Will Peoples (6-1, 195, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	49	Johnathan Jackson (6-3, 238, Sr.)
	58	Calvin Thibodaux (6-1, 248, Jr.)
DT	94	Dusty Dvoracek (6-3, 289, Sr.)
	90	Steven Colemand (6-5, 276, r-Fr.)
DT	96	Lynn McGruder (6-3, 300, Sr.)
		Remi Ayodele (6-3, 280, Jr.)
DE	80	Dan Cody (6-5, 260, Sr.)
	92	Larry Birdine (6-4, 254, So.)
SLB	44	Clint Ingram (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	51	Demarrio Pleasant (6-3, 222, r-Fr.)
MLB	10	Lance Mitchell (6-3, 243, Sr.)
	46	Zach Latimer (6-3, 218, So.)
WLB	48	Gayron Allen (5-10, 220, Sr.)
	16	Lewis Baker (6-3, 209, So.)
CB	28	Antonio Perkins (6-0, 188, Sr.)
	21	Jowahn Potest (6-1, 197, Jr.)
CB	13	Eric Bassey (6-1, 197, Jr.)
	22	Chijoke Onyenegecha (6-2, 205, Jr.)
FS	23	Brodney Pool (6-3, 198, Jr.)
	5	Brandon Shelby (5-11, 185, Sr.)
SS	8	Donte Nicholson (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	31	Tony Cade (6-2, 205, r-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

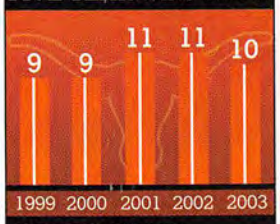
PK	83	Trey DiCarlo (6-0, 204, Jr.)
P	87	Blake Ferguson (5-11, 190, Jr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	North Texas		
S.11	@ARKANSAS	L	28-38
S.25	Rice	W	48-7
O.2	Baylor	W	56-0
O.9	@OKLAHOMA*	L	13-65
O.16	Missouri		
O.23	@TEXAS TECH	W	43-40
O.30	@COLORADO		
N.6	Oklahoma State	W	55-16
N.13	@KANSAS		
N.26	Texas A&M	W	46-15

* At Dallas, TX

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/15

OFFENSE

QB	10	Vince Young (6-5, 220, So.)
	5	Chance Mock (6-2, 215, Sr.)
FB	37	Will Matthews (6-3, 250, Sr.)
	35	Albert Hardy (5-11, 235, So.)
TB	32	Cedric Benson (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	3	Selvin Young (6-0, 195, Jr.)
LG	64	Kasey Studdard (6-3, 285, So.)
	51	Mike Garcia (6-3, 310, Jr.)
LT	73	Jonathan Scott (6-7, 305, Jr.)
	75	Lionel Garr (6-5, 350, Sr.)
C	52	Jason Glynn (6-2, 275, Sr.)
	62	Lyle Sendlein (6-5, 295, So.)
RG	72	Will Allen (6-6, 297, Jr.)
	69	Terrance Young (6-6, 350, Jr.)
RT	63	Justin Blalock (6-4, 340, So.)
	78	William Winston (6-7, 350, Jr.)
TE	16	David Thomas (6-3, 228, Jr.)
	80	Bo Scaife (6-3, 250, Sr.)
FL	12	Tony Jeffery (6-2, 175, Sr.)
	2	Brian Carter (5-11, 185, Jr.)
SE	14	Eric Enard (6-3, 200, So.)
	4	Limas Sweed (6-5, 205, R-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	6	Mike Williams (6-3, 240, Jr.)
	39	Brian Robison (6-3, 245, So.)
DT	92	Larry Dibbles (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	65	Stevie Lee (6-4, 310, Jr.)
DT	90	Rodrique Wright (6-5, 315, Jr.)
	99	Kalen Jakes (6-3, 260, Jr.)
DE	80	Tim Crowder (6-4, 235, So.)
	42	Chase Pittman (6-5, 270, So.)
SLB	52	Garnet Smith (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	88	Stevie Stigall (6-4, 221, Sr.)
MLB	2	Aaron Harris (6-0, 235, Jr.)
	33	Scott Derry (6-3, 230, Fr.)
WLB	11	Derrick Johnson (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	40	Robert Killebrew (6-2, 210, Fr.)
CB	7	Michael Huff (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	5	Tarell Brown (6-0, 180, So.)
CB	8	Cedric Griffin (6-2, 190, Jr.)
	31	Aaron Ross (6-1, 180, So.)
FS	22	Phillip Geiggar (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	18	Matt Melton (6-0, 200, So.)
SS	7	Michael Huff (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	27	Michael Griffin (6-0, 180, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Dusty Mangum (5-11, 170, Sr.)
	42	David Pino (5-8, 175, Jr.)
P	35	Richmond McGee (6-4, 200, Jr.)
	97	Greg Johnson (6-1, 190, So.)

2 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 7-1 Big 12 *(lost to Washington State in the Holiday Bowl, 28-20)*

Texas

Austin, Texas

Official athletic Web site: www.texassports.com

LONGHORNS

Mack shuffles coaches for new look on 'D,' but will it all end again in another boring Holiday?

Stop us if you've heard this story: Texas enters the season as the top challenger to Oklahoma in the South and an outside choice as the national champion. It gets blown out by the Sooners and loses all hope of a big bowl game.

Last season was just like the previous one. And the one three years before then. Oklahoma and coach Bob Stoops have Texas and Mack Brown's number, and the Longhorns enter this season once again hoping things will turn out differently.

There have been a few changes. Out is defensive coordinator Carl Reese and in are defensive coaches Greg Robinson and Dick Tomey. Robinson becomes the co-defensive coordinator and in charge of linebackers. He arrives from a stint with the Kansas City Chiefs and had a lousy 2003 season. The Chiefs' year ended with a home playoff loss to Indianapolis, a game in which the Colts never punted.

Robinson has installed zone blitzes and more zone coverages that require more thinking than reacting. "When it's all said and done there will be no better tackling defense in the country than ours," he says.

The hires follow a trend of NFL coaches on campus. Co-national champions Southern Cal and LSU have NFL-influenced defenses. But Brown was quick to remind, "We're not a pro team. We're just trying to use some pro ideas and incorporate them into the college game."

In Tomey, the assistant head coach who is in charge of defensive ends, Texas hired the architect of the University of Arizona's "Desert Swarm" defense of the 1990s.

Brown says he'll take a more hands-on approach to the offense. Offensive coordinator Greg Davis will continue to call plays, but not exclusively. Brown will call some plays.

"I want to be more and more involved with the game plan," Brown says. "And I want to get where I can call plays again."

Texas usually doesn't have a sure-fire quarterback entering the season and that appears to be the case again. Mobile Vince Young was the starter for the second half of last season. He proved to be strong and agile in 2003, rushing for 998 yards and passing for 1,155 on the way to being named Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year. He led the nation with 7.4 yards per rushing attempt.

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

Cedric Benson, *TB*

But Young couldn't move the Longhorns in the Holiday Bowl loss to Washington State and Chance Mock delivered a final-series, game-winning touchdown drive against Texas Tech. He's better at what Brown says Texas wants to do, improve its drop-back passing attack.

Texas' biggest losses are at wide receiver, where Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas are gone. The only returning veteran is Tony Jeffrey.

Running back Cedric Benson is seeking his fourth straight 1,000-yard season. He made the coaching staff happy when he devoted last spring to football instead of minor-league baseball. With 3,706 rushing yards, he's college football's career leader heading into the year.

The Texas defense wasn't a disaster last season, except twice. It couldn't stop Arkansas in a home loss, and Oklahoma moved at will in the Cotton Bowl debacle. The Longhorns lost two all-league defenders in tackle Marcus Tubbs and corner-back Nathan Vasher, but return one of the Big 12's top linebackers in Derrick Johnson.

Johnson probably will be used more to blitz this season. Also, defensive ends will become interchangeable, depending on the strength of the offensive formation rather than having the ends play specific sides. You'll see linemen dropping into pass coverage.

BIG 12 SOUTH

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 80,082
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Mack Brown, 7th Year
Record: 59-18
Career Record: 145-92-1

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Greg Davis (off. coordinator/QBs), **Greg Robinson** (co-def. coordinator/LBs), **Dick Tomey** (asst. head coach/DEs), **Duane Akina** (co-def. coordinator /DBs), **Bruce Chambers** (assistant coach/TEs), **Michael Haywood** (RBs/asst. special teams/recruiting coordinator), **Mac McWhorter** (assistant head coach/OL), **Mike Tolleson** (DTs/special teams coordinator), **Bobby Kennedy** (WRs)

PRESEASON RANK **3**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-3 Big 12 *(lost to Mississippi in the Cotton Bowl, 31-28)*

Oklahoma State

Stillwater, Okla.

Official athletic Web site: www.okstate.com

COWBOYS

Success of Cowboys will depend on which Fields of dreams star QB Josh decides to play on

These are good times to be an Oklahoma State Cowboy. The men's basketball team went to the Final Four. The wrestling team won the NCAA championship, and if you don't think that's important in Stillwater, consider the name on the arena—Gallagher-Iba. Gallagher was a wrestling coach, Iba a basketball coach.

Then there was football. The Cowboys lost their opener at Nebraska, then ripped off seven straight victories to climb into the top 10.

The Pokes lost badly to Texas and Oklahoma, ending hopes of a conference championship, but a 9-4 record overall and 5-3 finish in the Big 12 was further proof that Oklahoma State is headed in the right direction.

"The opportunity is there for this team to accomplish the goals it set for itself, and that's to be champion," OSU coach Les Miles says.

Champion of the Big 12 South? To do that, the Cowboys will have to get through the Sooners and Longhorns, and that might be more difficult this year if quarterback Josh Fields is wearing the uniform of a minor-league baseball team.

Fields is coming off a junior season in which he threw for 2,494 yards and 21 touchdowns. In many years that's an all-conference-type season, but he was playing in the same state as Heisman Trophy winner Jason White of Oklahoma. Still, Fields gave the Cowboys a veteran presence.

Josh Fields, *QB*

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But Fields is also a hard-hitting third baseman who is interested in a professional baseball career. If he goes that route, Oklahoma State will turn its offense over to either freshman Bobby Reid or redshirt freshman Donovan Woods.

Yes, *that* Woods is the brother of departed All-America wide receiver and first-round NFL draft pick Rashaun and current Cowboys wide receiver D'Juan. Either one could be making his first start in the Rose Bowl against UCLA on Sept. 4.

Reid went through spring drills as one of four Oklahoma State players who wrapped up his high school work in December and started college classes in the spring, giving him that time to work with the team.

"Our quarterbacks have advanced well for as young as they are," Miles says.

Gone along with Rashaun Woods is 1,000-yard rusher Tatum Bell. But the Cowboys are OK in the backfield with Vernand Morency, who rushed for 918 yards, eight touchdowns and led Big 12 running backs with 6.8 yards per carry.

D'Juan Woods is ready to become the Cowboys' go-to receiver. The other wideout spot is up for grabs.

The defensive line is under construction. The Cowboys lost three starters, including all-conference selection Greg Richmond. Only tackle Clay Coe has been a full-time starter. As many as seven players are competing for playing time at the other tackle slot and two end positions. One of them is Xavier Lawson-Kennedy, a highly prized prospect.

There's plenty of experience at linebacker with Paul Duren, Pagitte McGee, Victor DeGrate and Lawrence Pinson. All have started in their careers.

The strength of the defense (actually, the team) is the secondary. There are seven players back who have started, led by All-Big 12 cornerback Darrent Williams. The group is exceptionally fast, as several were state high school sprint champions. Robert Jones joins Williams at a corner, with Vernon Grant holding down strong safety. Jon Holland is being pushed by Thomas Wright at free safety, and Jamie Thompson has shifted to weak safety. Because of the athletic ability and experience there, the Cowboys can take a few more chances defensively.

With Fields, the Cowboys can compete with anybody in the Big 12.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Lewis Stadium **Capacity:** 48,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Les Miles,** 4th Year **Record:** 21-16 **Career Record:** 21-16	**Mike Gundy** (assistant head coach/off. coordinator), **Bill Clay** (def. coordinator), **Chuck Moeller** (OL), **Karl Dunbar** (DL), **Todd Monken** (receivers), **Joe DeForest** (special teams), **Larry Porter** (RBs), **Doug Mallory** (secondary), **Josh Henson** (TEs/recruiting coordinator)

BIG 12 SOUTH

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 4	@UCLA		
S. 11	Tulsa		
S. 18	Southern Methodist	W	52-6
O. 2	Iowa State		
O. 9	@COLORADO		
O. 16	Texas A&M	W	38-10
O. 23	@MISSOURI		
O. 30	Oklahoma	L	9-52
N. 6	@TEXAS	L	16-55
N. 13	Baylor	W	38-21
N. 20	@TEXAS TECH	W	51-49

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/17

OFFENSE		
QB	13	Josh Fields (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	8	Donovan Woods (6-2, 210, r-Fr.)
FB	37	Shawn Willis (6-1, 255, Jr.)
	32	Julius Crosslin (5-11, 215, r-Fr.)
TB	16	Vernand Morency (5-10, 215, Jr.)
	27	Greg Jones (5-9, 200, Sr.)
LT	75	Corey Hilliard (6-5, 200, So.)
	66	Corey Curtis (6-4, 285, Jr.)
LG	61	David Koenig (6-4, 260, r-Fr.)
	74	Doug Bond (6-2, 310, So.)
C	69	Chris Akin (6-2, 300, Jr.)
	72	Kurt Seifried (6-4, 305, So.)
RG	76	Sam Mayes (6-3, 350, Sr.)
	70	Phil Friess (6-5, 260, r-Fr.)
RT	78	Kellen Davis (6-5, 290, Jr.)
	68	Adam Gourley (6-6, 265, Jr.)
TE	86	Billy Bajema (6-5, 255, Sr.)
	80	Charlie Johnson (6-4, 290, Jr.)
WR	83	Chijuan Mack (6-3, 180, r-Fr.)
	81	Eric Allen (6-3, 185, r-Fr.)
WR	84	D'Juan Woods (6-1, 195, So.)
	15	Kenny Williams (6-4, 210, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	97	Marque Fountain (6-1, 255, So.)
	42	Trumain Carroll (6-3, 245, So.)
DT	92	Brad Girtman (6-3, 300, So.)
	50	Darnell Smith (6-0, 245, So.)
NG	96	Clay Coe (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	50	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy (6-1, 320, So.)
DE	81	Jerry Don Bray (6-5, 255, Jr.)
	48	Darrell Franklin (6-3, 240, Jr.)
LB	99	Lawrence Pinson (6-1, 240, Jr.)
	51	Victor DeGrate (6-3, 235, So.)
LB	12	Paul Duren (6-1, 240, Jr.)
	41	Pagitte McGee (6-1, 230, Jr.)
CB	9	Darrent Williams (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	4	Daniel McLemore (5-7, 160, Jr.)
CB	6	Robert Jones (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	5	Ricky Coxeff (5-11, 170, So.)
FS	10	Thomas Wright (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	17	Jon Holland (5-11, 160, Jr.)
SS	20	Vernon Grant (5-9, 180, Jr.)
	19	Jeremy Nethon (5-9, 190, So.)
WS	23	Jamie Thompson (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	44	Jamar Ranson (5-10, 220, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	28	Luke Roberts (5-10, 180, So.)
	18	Cole Farden (5-11, 200, Sr.)
P	18	Cole Farden (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	15	Sky Rylant (6-0, 205, Sr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@SO. METHODIST	W	58-10
S.11	@NEW MEXICO	W	42-28
S.18	TCU		
S.25	@KANSAS		
O.2	@OKLAHOMA	L	25-56
O.9	Nebraska		
O.23	Texas	L	40-43
O.30	@KANSAS STATE		
N.6	Baylor	W	62-14
N.13	@TEXAS A&M	W	59-28
N.20	Oklahoma State	L	49-51

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/16

OFFENSE

QB	15	Sonny Cumbie (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	16	Phillip Daugherty (6-3, 210, r-Fr.)
RB	19	Taurean Henderson (5-9, 205, Jr.)
	4	Johnnie Mack (5-7, 180, Sr.)
RB	47	Clay McGuire (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	34	Osazee Eguae (5-11, 208, So.)
LT	60	Daniel Loper (6-7, 329, Sr.)
	69	Glenn January (6-7, 292, So)
LG	64	Cody Campbell (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	62	Bryan Kegans (6-5, 291, Jr.)
C	77	Dylan Gandy (6-4, 294, Sr.)
	73	Brandon Jones (6-4, 290, So.)
RG	63	Manuel Ramirez (6-4, 325, So.)
	62	Bryan Kegans (6-5, 291, Jr.)
RT	75	E.J. Whitley (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	62	Bryan Kegans (6-5, 291, Jr.)
WR	6	Nehemiah Glover (5-8, 180, Sr.)
	3	Thomas Bachman (5-10, 185, So.)
WR	7	Trey Haverty (6-0, 205, Jr.)
	80	Joey Hawkins (6-9, 240, Sr.)
WR	88	Jarrett Hicks (6-4, 208, So.)
	11	Brandon Douglas (6-0, 189, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	43	Brett Bischofberger (6-3, 270, Jr.)
	92	Seth Nitschmann (6-4, 258, So.)
DT	93	Chris Hudler (6-3, 290, So.)
	97	Fred Thrweatt (6-3, 315, Jr.)
DT	99	Ken Scott (6-2, 307, So-1L)
	90	Patrice Majondo-Mwamba (6-4, 292, Sr.)
DE	91	Adell Duckett (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	96	Keyunta Dawson (6-2, 252, So.)
SAM	5	John Saldi (6-5, 230, Jr.)
	56	Kellen Tillman (6-1, 234, So.)
MKE	45	Brock Stratton (5-11, 233, So.)
	35	Geremy Woods (6-1, 247, Sr.)
WIL	46	Mike Smith (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	42	Fletcher Session (6-0, 225, So.)
CB	36	Antonio Huffman (6-0, 182, So.)
	18	Jamaal Jackson (5-10, 190, Sr.)
CB	17	Chris Parker (5-11, 178, r-Fr.)
	34	Jabari Smith (6-0, 181, Sr.)
FS	1	Vincent Meeks (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	2	Raymond Pierce (6-2, 218, Sr.)
SS	12	Chad Johnson (5-11, 197, So.)
	33	Josh Rangel (6-2, 215, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	40	Keith Toogood (6-2, 190, So.)
	12	Alex Trlica (5-11, 175, r-Fr.)
P	22	Alex Reyes (6-1, 220, So.)
	98	Wich Brenner (5-11, 220, Sr.)

DOUG HOLLEMAN

4 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 Big 12 *(beat Navy in the Houston Bowl, 38-14)*

Texas Tech

Lubbock, Texas

Official athletic Web site: www.texastech.com

RED RAIDERS

Cumbie on track to be next in Leach's fast-growing line of record-setting Red Raider QBs

Sonny Cumbie, come on down. You're the next contestant. First there was Kliff Kingsbury, throwing footballs at a school-record pace.

Then there was B.J. Symons, throwing footballs at an NCAA-record pace.

Now comes Cumbie—so it appears—to take over the wild Red Raiders offensive show.

Cumbie got his first action in Tech's spring game and produced—17-of-20 for 198 yards and two touchdowns. He completed his first 10 passes in the spread offense.

Red Raiders coach Mike Leach says Cumbie is the leader heading into the fall over Robert Johnson, but that Cumbie will have to win the job again in the preseason.

Cumbie fits the mold of a Leach quarterback. He's been in the program for four years, studying the offense's complexities since walking on in 2000. His predecessor, Symons, also waited his turn before throwing for an NCAA-record 5,833 yards last season.

"The objective is to make the position as competitive as possible," Leach says.

In the spread offense, Tech had five of the league's top eight receivers. Two of them return—running back Taurean Henderson and wide receiver Nehemiah Glover. Henderson caught 98 passes two years ago and rushed for 736 yards last year.

The big concern is on defense. The Red Raiders were horrible at times last season. Missouri quarterback Brad Smith shredded Tech for 291 rushing yards.

The best of the nine returning starters is end Adell Duckett, who recorded 14 sacks last season.

Coordinator Lyle Setencich says the Red Raiders aren't asking their defenders to become world-beaters.

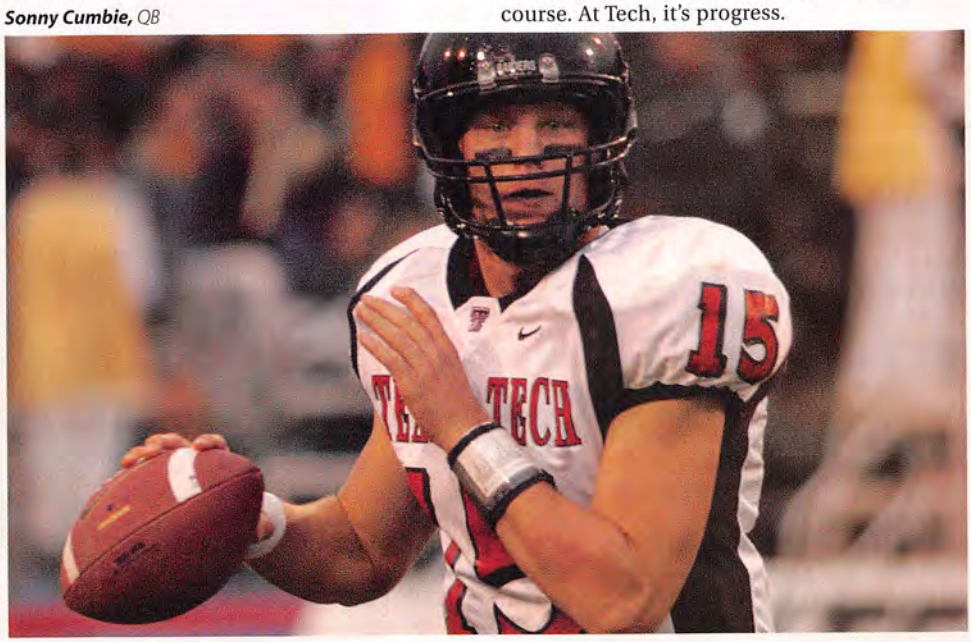
"Our challenge is to try and make ourselves at least average in this conference, a sixth-place defense," Setencich says.

The Raiders made a couple of position switches: Chad Johnson moved from corner to strong safety, and outside linebackers Mike Smith and John Saldi traded spots.

"On defense, we're deeper, bigger and faster," Leach says.

One of the highlights of the spring scrimmage for Leach was to see his defense throw some three-and-outs against the first-team offense. At most places, that's par for the course. At Tech, it's progress.

Sonny Cumbie, *QB*



STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Jones SBC Stadium **Capacity:** 52,702 **Turf:** Artificial	**Mike Leach,** 5th Year **Record:** 31-21 **Career Record:** 31-21	**Lyle Setencich** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Charlie Sadler** (DEs), **Robert Anae** (OL), **Bill Bedenbaugh** (RBs), **Dave Brown** (DBs), **Sonny Dykes** (WRs), **Johnny Barr** (safeties), **Dana Holgerson** (inside receivers), **Ruffin McNeill** (assistant head coach/special teams/DTs)

BIG 12 SOUTH

College Station, Texas PRESEASON RANK 5

Texas A&M AGGIES

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-6 Big 12

Official athletic Web site: www.aggieathletics.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	@UTAH	W	28-26
S.11	Wyoming		
S.18	Clemson		
O.2	Kansas State		
O.9	@IOWA STATE		
O.16	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	10-38
O.23	Colorado		
O.30	@BAYLOR	W	73-10
N.6	Oklahoma	L	0-77
N.13	Texas Tech	L	28-59
N.26	@TEXAS	L	15-46

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/19

OFFENSE

QB	1	Reggie McNeal (6-2, 198, Jr.)
FB	4	Keith Joseph (6-2, 256, Sr.)
TB	25	Courtney Lewis (5-11, 194, So.)
LT	70	Cody Wallace (6-4, 295, r-Fr.)
LT	75	Jami Hightower (6-4, 345, Jr.)
C	66	Geoff Hangartner (6-5, 303, Sr.)
RG	76	Aldo De La Garza (6-4, 314, Jr.)
RG	74	Dominique Steamer (6-4, 320, Jr.)
TE	81	Joey Thomas (6-5, 243, r-Fr.)
WR	5	Terrence Murphy (6-1, 193, Sr.)
WR	2	Earvin Taylor (6-3, 217, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	95	Mike Montgomery (6-5, 278, Sr.)
DT	97	Johnny Jolly (6-3, 292, Jr.)
DT	85	Joseph Bryant (6-4, 316, r-Fr.)
DE	89	Jason Jack (6-4, 270, r-Fr.)
SLB	42	Nurahda Manning (6-3, 240, Jr.)
MLB	31	Archie McDaniel (6-2, 230, Jr.)
ROV	10	Justin Warren (6-3, 231, So.)
CB	11	Byron Jones (5-10, 185, Sr.)
CB	26	Jonte Buhl (5-10, 170, Sr.)
FS	19	Jaxson Appel (5-10, 196, Jr.)
SS	23	Ronald Jones (5-10, 184, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	Todd Pegram (5-11, 190, Jr.)
P	30	Jacob Young (6-0, 198, Sr.)

Along came spring football and coach Dennis Franchione pulled out the motivational stops. He took the team to watch the moving "Miracle," the inspirational flick about the 1980 U.S. Hockey Team. Then when practice started he had players' last names removed from the back of the jerseys.

"Maybe we'll put them back on when we feel like we have a good concept of playing for the name on the front of the jersey," Franchione said.

The Aggies slipped to 4-8 overall and 2-6 in Big 12 games last season. They missed a bowl game for the second straight year, and it wasn't the kind of season anybody had in mind when the school ousted longtime coach R.C. Slocum and spirited Franchione away from Alabama.

The losses were staggering—77-0 to Oklahoma, 46-15 to Texas, 48-12 to Nebraska. The season was so disappointing that A&M didn't hold a postseason team banquet.

The improvement must start on defense. The Aggies gave up a school-record 464 points. The linebacking corps, once a program strength, was particularly weak. Four junior-college players were signed.

Franchione made several moves on defense, notably moving Keelan Jackson from safety to rover linebacker.

But the biggest move was made last year when Franchione redshirted 16 players from a highly regarded 2003 recruiting class. Twelve of them play on the line or in the secondary and as many as seven could start.

Quarterback Reggie McNeal, who took the position away from Dustin Long last year, had offseason shoulder surgery and didn't go through spring workouts. McNeal's sophomore season wasn't as good as his freshman year. Long transferred to I-AA Sam Houston State.

Courtney Lewis continues to be a durable and elusive running back who has worked on becoming more effective when he doesn't have the ball. Wide receiver Terrence Murphy is the team's top big-play threat.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Kyle Field **Capacity:** 82,600 **Turf:** Grass	**Dennis Franchione,** 2nd Year **Record:** 4-8 **Career Record:** 159-81-2

Waco, Texas PRESEASON RANK 6

Baylor BEARS

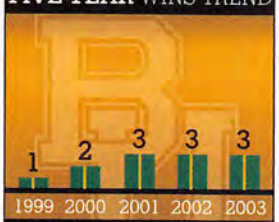
2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 Big 12

Official athletic Web site: www.baylorbears.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@UAB	L	19-24
S.11	Texas State		
S.25	North Texas	L	14-52
O.2	@TEXAS	L	0-56
O.9	Missouri		
O.16	@NEBRASKA		
O.23	Iowa State		
O.30	Texas A&M	L	10-73
N.6	@TEXAS TECH	L	14-62
N.13	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	21-38
N.20	Oklahoma	L	3-41

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/19

OFFENSE

QB	11	Shawn Bell (6-1, 206, So.)
FB	45	Jonathan Evans (6-1, 244, Sr.)
TB	30	Anthony Krieg (6-1, 217, Sr.)
LT	74	Quintin Outland (6-5, 324, Sr.)
LG	70	Chad Smith (6-6, 290, So.)
C	79	Glen Oskin (6-5, 300, Jr.)
RG	67	Travis Farst (6-7, 303, So.)
RT	77	Lequalan McDonald (6-5, 330, Jr.)
TE	6	Marcus Venus (6-2, 234, Sr.)
WR	1	Marques Roberts (6-2, 224, Sr.)
WR	87	John Martin (6-0, 182, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Khari Long (6-4, 254, Sr.)
DT	99	M.T. Robinson (6-1, 295, So.)
DT	98	Quincy Jenkins (6-1, 281, So.)
DE	95	Montez Murphy (6-5, 257, Jr.)
LB	34	Colin Allred (6-2, 237, Jr.)
LB	46	Justin Crooks (6-0, 230, Sr.)
CB	3	C.J. Wilson (6-1, 185, So.)
CB	6	Anthony Arline (6-2, 186, So.)
FS	21	Maurice Lane (5-11, 183, Jr.)
SS	15	Maurice Linguist (5-11, 202, So.)
ROV	18	Willie Andrews (5-10, 186, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Kenny Webb (5-8, 160, Sr.)
P	37	Daniel Sepulveda (6-3, 214, So.)

Things are bound to be better at Baylor in coach Guy Morriss' second season. When he was at Kentucky, Morriss' Wildcats improved from 2-9 to 7-5 in his second year.

"I feel a lot better about our football program now than I did a year ago," Morriss says.

Good enough to bust out of last place in the South? Probably not. But the program was strong enough last year to beat two-time North Division champion Colorado. The Bears should have enough strength to collect one more conference victory.

The defense is making greater strides than the offense. Defensive end Khari Long, linebacker Justin Crooks and free safety Maurice Lane are quality players. Baylor must get stronger on the defensive interior.

Spring practice was used to sort out a four-way quarterback battle but nobody seized the job. Juco transfer Dane King, a two-year starter at Blinn College who enrolled at Baylor in December, may end up as the guy over Aaron Karas, Shawn Bell and Terrance Parks. Karas has started 20 games over the past two seasons, with Bell playing late last season.

King led the national juco ranks in passing (310.8 yards per game) and total offense (322.3) last season while completing 59.2 percent of his passes for 2,797 yards and 27 touchdowns.

Justin Crooks, *LB*

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Floyd Casey Stadium **Capacity:** 50,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Guy Morriss,** 2nd Year **Record:** 3-9 **Career Record:** 12-23

CONFERENCE USA *Predicted order of finish:*

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11
▶p.60	▶p.61	▶p.62	▶p.63	▶p.64	▶p.65	▶p.66	▶p.67	▶p.67	▶p.68	▶p.68

Rating the players

ıstest receiver: **Roydell Williams**, Tulane
est hands: **J.R. Russell**, WR, Louisville
est passing QB: **Kevin Kolb**, Houston
est option QB: **Brandon Hassell**, TCU
ıost elusive RB: **DeAngelo Williams**, Memphis
est instincts: **Michael Boley**, LB, Southern Miss
est athlete: **Joshua Tinch**, WR, Louisville
est under pressure: **Brandon Hassell**, QB, TCU
ıp NFL prospect: **DeAngelo Williams**, RB, Memphis
ıp impact freshman: **Brian Brohm**, QB, Louisville
ardest hitter: **Michael Boley**, LB, Southern Miss

Rating the coaches

est strategist: **Gary Patterson**, TCU
est recruiter: **Jim Leavitt**, South Florida
oach on the spot: **Chris Scelfo**, Tulane

Don't be surprised if ...

ouisville leads the nation in total offense.

One man's opinion

DeAngelo Williams may be the best back I've seen come hrough this league."

— a C-USA assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. South Florida
Jim Leavitt not only had his customary success in his home state, but scored big with some juco transfers.

2. TCU
Success on the field is giving the Frogs more recruiting clout in Texas.

3. Memphis
Tommy West lands one of Mississippi's top players in Greg Hinds and signs seven hometown recruits.

4. Louisville
Bobby Petrino caught the big one in Louisville QB product Brian Brohm, though some others got away.

5. Tulane
Chris Scelfo made some inroads into Texas for some much-needed help.

6. Houston
Art Briles never left Texas to fill his class.

7. Southern Miss
Jeff Bower lured a couple of good ones out of Georgia in C.J. Barrows and Travis Clark.

8. Cincinnati
A late start for new coach Mark Dantonio and a total overhaul of the recruiting effort kept this ranking from being higher.

9. East Carolina
John Thompson signed 15 players from Florida but only three from North Carolina.

10. UAB
Tough competition in Alabama made things tough for coach Watson Brown.

11. Army
The Academy does not release lists of its recruits.

Official conference Web site: www.conferenceusa.com

In a league full of offense, it may be defense that decides the day in C-USA

By Eric Crawford
The (Louisville) Courier-Journal

Conference USA teams will play one more for the road before they fracture more than any other Division I-A conference after this season.

Five of the league's 11 teams—TCU, Louisville, South Florida, Cincinnati and Army—are preparing for their final season in C-USA.

But Southern Mississippi, which is staying in the league, struck a blow for those who remain by winning a championship last season, and the Golden Eagles, along with C-USA hanger-on Memphis, could keep the trophy in the family again this year.

But unlike in past preseasons, there is no clear leader. TCU appeared set to dominate a year ago and threatened to make a Bowl Championship Series run for a time, then came short of the league championship as others appeared to close the gap.

For every team that can make a case for the championship, a significant flaw must be overcome. TCU is loaded on offense, but must replace three-quarters of its defensive line. Defense is the question, too, for Memphis, which must replace a talented linebacking corps, and for Louisville, which disintegrated defensively at the end of last season.

Southern Miss found enough offense to win a championship last season, but likely will have to find more this year to do so.

Games to watch

Louisville at Memphis, Oct. 4
They're bitter rivals with outstanding offenses, and the loser will face an uphill battle to remain in title contention.

Southern Miss at Memphis, Nov. 13
A must-win if Southern Miss hopes to repeat as champion.

Southern Miss at TCU, Nov. 20
This game was for the championship last season. It could be again.

East Carolina vs. N.C. State (at Charlotte), Nov. 27
The state legislature had a hand in making this game happen.

Meanwhile, C-USA again has stubbed its own toe by making sure that a couple of marquee matchups will not take place. Memphis will not play TCU. Southern Miss will not play Louisville.

With Houston, under first-year coach Art Briles, going to a bowl game last season, and South Florida figuring to be improved, the league could be in for a wild finish in its current form.

"I couldn't begin to guess," second-year Louisville coach Bobby Petrino says when asked to assess the league.

A number of C-USA teams have multiple offensive weapons returning. It may well be the team that best fills its defensive holes that walks away with the championship.

Street & Smith's ALL-CONFERENCE USA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Stefan LeFors**, Sr., Louisville
WR—**J.R. Russell**, Sr. Louisville
WR—**Roydell Williams**, Sr., Tulane
RB—**DeAngelo Williams**, Jr., Memphis
RB—**Robert Merrill**, So., TCU
TE—**John Doucette**, Jr., Memphis
OL—**Chase Johnson**, Sr., TCU
OL—**Derrick Sarosi**, Sr., South Florida
OL—**Travis Leffew**, Jr., Louisville
OL—**Anthony Alabi**, Sr., TCU
OL—**Kyle Takavitz**, Sr., Cincinnati
PK—**Nick Hayes**, Sr., UAB

DEFENSE

DL—**Trent Cole**, Sr., Cincinnati
DL—**Joe Clay**, Sr., Houston
DL—**Andre Frazier**, Sr., Cincinnati
DL—**Eric Scott**, Sr., Southern Miss
LB—**Chris Moore**, Jr., East Carolina
LB—**Michael Boley**, Sr., Southern Miss
LB—**Zac Woodfin**, Sr., UAB
DB—**Wesley Smith**, Jr., Memphis
DB—**Marvin Godbolt**, Sr., TCU
DB—**Mark Walker**, Sr., TCU
DB—**Daven Holly**, Sr., Cincinnati
P—**Ryan Dougherty**, So., East Carolina

***Stefan LeFors**, QB*

CONFERENCE USA

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-3 C-USA *(beat North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl, 27-17)*

Memphis

Memphis, Tenn.

Official athletic Web site: www.gotigersgo.com

TIGERS

CONFERENCE USA

No more singing the blues at Memphis—West's Tigers full of offense and promise

In their third season under coach Tommy West, the Tigers finally put it all together last season. They found a potent offense behind veteran quarterback Danny Wimprine and superstar running back DeAngelo Williams.

With Joe Lee Dunn designing the defense, they improved as the season progressed, to the point of holding Louisville, one of the top offenses in the nation, to a season-low seven points.

Because of their returning offensive firepower—not a single starter is lost—and because of Dunn's ability to mold defenses and recent recruiting successes by West, the Tigers are as logical a pick as any to ascend to the top of C-USA.

But they will have to make a couple of significant strides to do it. Of concern to West is the fact that the Tigers will be entering a season off a bowl win for the first time in 32 years. At times during spring practice, the coach thought his team had a little too much swagger.

Danny Wimprine, QB

STEVE BEYER

"We're going to be the hunted instead of the hunter," West says. "And that's a big difference. We're going to get everybody's best shot."

Memphis' major weakness in the past has been inconsistency, and that reared up last season. The Tigers beat SEC power Ole Miss, but lost to a struggling Mississippi State team. They manhandled Louisville, but lost at home to South Florida with a shot at the C-USA title on the line.

West took over as head coach at Memphis after serving as defensive coordinator. But he has fashioned the best offense in school history. Last year's team set a school record with 444.5 yards per game, and Williams set a C-USA single-season record with 10 straight 100-yard rushing games. Even after missing the season's final three games, he finished with a school-record 1,430 rushing yards.

Wimprine will enter his senior season having set 25 school records. And he'll have his favorite target back in Maurice Avery, who made the switch to wideout from quarterback last season and led the team with 49 receptions and eight touchdown catches.

Offensively, West says, the key for his team will be simply to avoid mistakes.

The defense will be more complicated. The return of defensive end Albert Means, now a senior, from academic ineligibility, gives the Tigers a spark up front. Means played well in spring practice, but will be the only player with starting experience back on the defensive line.

Of even more concern is the linebacker spot, where Dunn loses standouts Coot Terry, Will Hyden and Greg Harper. Into their spots Quinton McCrary, Tim Goodwell and Mike Snyder, along with junior-college recruit Carlton Baker, will compete for playing time into the fall.

In the secondary, all-conference free safety Wesley Smith is expected to be back to 100 percent after missing all of spring practice with a groin injury, and senior Scott Vogel is also back at safety. The Tigers have a returning starter, Cameron Essex, at one cornerback and a senior, Tristan Thomas, looking for a starting role at the other. But Dunn still will be asking young players to progress quickly.

"We're in a good position but we have to have the right attitude," West says. "We still have to prove ourselves in this league, but we've made real progress."

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Liberty Bowl Memorial
Capacity: 62,380
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Tommy West, 4th Year
Record: 17-9
Career Record: 48-47

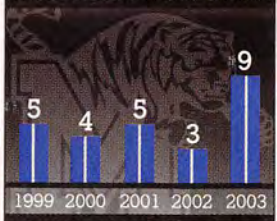
ASSISTANT COACHES:

Randy Fichtner (off. coordinator/QBs), **Rick Mallory** (OL), **Clay Helton** (assistant head coach/WRs), **Tyson Helton** (special teams/TEs), **Jeep Hunter** (RBs), **Joe Lee Dunn** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Craig Boller** (DL), **Tim Keane** (safeties), **Chris Rumph** (LBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@MISSISSIPPI	W	44-34
S.11	Chattanooga		
S.18	@ARKANSAS STATE	W	38-16
S.25	@UAB	L	10-24
O.2	Houston	W	45-14
O.16	Tulane	W	41-9
O.23	@CINCINNATI	W	21-16
N.3	Louisville	W	37-7
N.12	Southern Mississippi	L	6-23
N.20	@EAST CAROLINA	W	41-24
N.27	@SOUTH FLORIDA	L	16-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 59/10

OFFENSE		
QB	18	Danny Wimprine (6-1, 216, r-Sr.)
	11	Bobby Robison (6-4, 210, Sr.)
TB	20	DeAngelo Williams (5-10, 215, Jr.)
	3	Derron Parquet (6-0, 220, r-Sr.)
LT	73	David Davis (6-4, 285, r-Sr.)
	71	Jason Johnson (6-4, 254, r-Sr.)
LG	75	Andrew Handy (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	63	Blake Butler (6-3, 280, r-So.)
C	76	Gene Frederic (6-4, 275, Sr.)
	66	Stephen Schuh (6-1, 260, So.)
RG	68	Jason Matthews (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	79	Kenyun Glover (6-3, 298, Sr.)
RT	53	Jeremy Rone (6-3, 238, r-Sr.)
	72	Greg Billingslea (6-3, 290, r-Jr.)
TE	82	John Doucette (6-2, 262, Jr.)
	89	Isaac Daniel (6-0, 245, r-Sr.)
WR	83	Ryan Scott (6-4, 200, So.)
	84	Mario Pratcher (6-4, 214, Jr.)
WR	1	Maurice Avery (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	28	Darron White (6-0, 190, Jr.)
WR	88	Tavarious Davis (6-0, 190, r-Sr.)
	12	Chris Kelley (6-1, 190, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	77	Albert Means (6-4, 335, r-Sr.)
	43	Marcus West (6-4, 225, r-Jr.)
NT	51	LaVale Washington (6-1, 250, Jr.)
	92	Haracio Colen (6-2, 190, r-So.)
DE	96	David McNair (6-3, 235, r-Sr.)
	27	Shaka Hill (6-3, 244, r-Sr.)
SLB	55	Mike Snyder (6-2, 220, So.)
	52	Carson Hunter (5-10, 220, r-So.)
MLB	41	Tim Goodwell (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	56	Charles Davis (6-2, 230, r-Sr.)
WLB	30	Quinton McCrary (6-2, 210, So.)
	10	Carlton Baker (6-2, 230, Jr.)
CB	7	Cameron Essex (5-11, 170, Jr.)
	26	Dustin Lopez (5-10, 175, So.)
CB	9	Tristan Thomas (6-1, 175, Sr.)
	29	Lionel Pieh (5-10, 185, Sr.)
FS	8	Scott Vogel (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	45	Wesley Smith (6-3, 180, r-Fr.)
SS	17	Javar Pollard (6-0, 200, So.)
	21	Derek Clenin (5-10, 185, So.)
ROV	40	O.C. Collins (6-0, 175, Jr.)
	23	Sam Brewer (6-1, 185, r-So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	32	Stephen Gostkowski (6-1, 195, Jr.)
P	48	Brandon Roberson (6-1, 181, Sr.)
	35	Ryan Ivey (6-0, 175, r-Sr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	Northwestern		
S.11	Southern Methodist	W	20-13
S.18	@TEXAS TECH		
S.25	South Florida	W	13-10
O.2	@ARMY	W	27-0
O.16	@UAB	W	27-24
O.23	Houston	W	62-55
O.30	@CINCINNATI	W	43-10
N.9	@LOUISVILLE	W	31-28
N.20	Southern Mississippi	L	28-40
N.27	Tulane	W	38-35

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/18

OFFENSE

QB	7	Brandon Hassell (6-1, 199, Sr.)
	15	Tye Gunn (6-3, 214, Jr.)
FB	44	Marcus Draper (5-11, 233, r-Fr.)
	47	William Jackson (6-0, 237, r-Fr.)
TB	30	Lonta Hobbs (5-10, 218, Jr.)
	33	Robert Merrill (5-10, 203, So.)
LT	55	Anthony Alabi (6-6, 325, Sr.)
	72	Michael Toudouze (6-6, 310, Jr.)
LG	69	Stephen Culp (6-4, 306, Jr.)
	62	Shane Sims (6-3, 300, Jr.)
C	75	Chase Johnson (6-3, 310, Sr.)
	70	Will Oliver (6-3, 280, r-Fr.)
RG	79	Zach Bray (6-4, 313, Sr.)
	61	Ben Angeley (6-4, 299, Jr.)
RT	78	Herbert Taylor (6-4, 270, So.)
	66	Marvin Pearson (6-5, 288, Jr.)
TE	84	Cody McCarty (6-4, 259, Sr.)
	91	Chad Andrus (6-4, 235, Jr.)
WR	81	Reggie Harrell (6-3, 209, Sr.)
	3	Marcus Brock (6-0, 204, So.)
WR	17	Cory Rodgers (6-1, 186, So.)
	19	Michael DePriest (6-0, 191, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	65	Jamison Newby (6-3, 252, So.)
	94	Chris Hayes (6-1, 226, Jr.)
DT	97	Jared Kesler (6-4, 254, Jr.)
	83	Jared Retkofsky (6-5, 258, So.)
NT	92	Terence James (6-2, 280, So.)
	67	Zarnell Fitch (6-3, 304, Jr.)
DE	88	Ranorris Ray (6-3, 268, Jr.)
	39	Tommy Blake (6-3, 246, r-Fr.)
LB	22	Logo Tevaseu (5-9, 210, Sr.)
	46	David Hawthorne (6-0, 221, r-Fr.)
LB	50	Martin Patterson (6-2, 228, Sr.)
	53	Shawn Brooks (6-0, 200, Jr.)
CB	31	Mark Walker (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	4	Quincy Butler (6-0, 197, Jr.)
CB	14	Jerome Braziel (5-11, 175, Sr.)
	11	Drew Coleman (5-11, 173, Jr.)
WS	23	Marvin Godbolt (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	25	Eric Buchanan (5-10, 196, So.)
FS	28	Jeremy Modkins (6-1, 187, So.)
	27	Elvis Gallegos (6-0, 190, So.)
SS	29	Flander Malone (5-11, 199, Jr.)
	24	Ken Lewis (6-0, 199, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	41	Mike Wynn (5-10, 200, Jr.)
	17	Peter LoCoco (6-1, 201, So.)
P	6	John Braziel (6-3, 211, Sr.)
	41	Mike Wynn (5-10, 200, Jr.)

2 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 11-2 overall, 7-1 C-USA *(lost to Boise State in the Fort Worth Bowl, 34-31)*

Texas Christian

Fort Worth, Texas

Official athletic Web site: www.gofrogs.com

HORNED FROGS

Offense should carry TCU for a change, with double trouble at quarterback

Could the Horned Frogs make another run at busting the BCS after climbing as high as No. 6 in the computer rankings a year ago?

There's no reason they couldn't. Their non-conference schedule—at home against Northwestern and SMU and at Texas Tech—isn't as tough as the schedules being played by other conference contenders. And coach Gary Patterson has an embarrassment of riches in his offensive backfield.

It begins with two quarterbacks—Tye Gunn and Brandon Hassell—both of whom could be all-conference candidates. It continues at running back, where Robert Merrill ran for 1,107 yards as a freshman last season, but stands behind junior Lonta Hobbs on the depth chart.

Patterson says he'll let the quarterbacks fight it out through fall practice, and may use both once the season is under way, until he sees a clear winner for the job.

The Frogs are thin at fullback, but that's about the only offensive spot where they're searching for answers. Senior Cody McCarty should be one of C-USA's better tight ends, while the offensive line, anchored by senior left tackle Anthony Alabi, could be the best at TCU since the 2000 unit that paved the way for LaDainian Tomlinson.

Reggie Harrell leads an experienced and deep group at wide receiver.

In something of a switch for Patterson, he expects to field a team whose strength is on offense, while hoping to fill holes effectively on defense.

With a new defensive coordinator in Dick Bumpas, Patterson will have to find a way to replace standout defensive ends Bo Schobel and Robert Pollard as well as tackle Chad Pugh. The lone returning starter, tackle Brandon Johnson, is expected to miss the season to recover from knee surgery. So Patterson went after immediate help with transfers Zarnell Fitch and defensive end Chris Hayes.

Fitch could become a starter, as could ends Jamison Newby and Ranorris Ray and tackle Terence James. In passing situations, Hayes and Jeremy Breedlove could see more snaps.

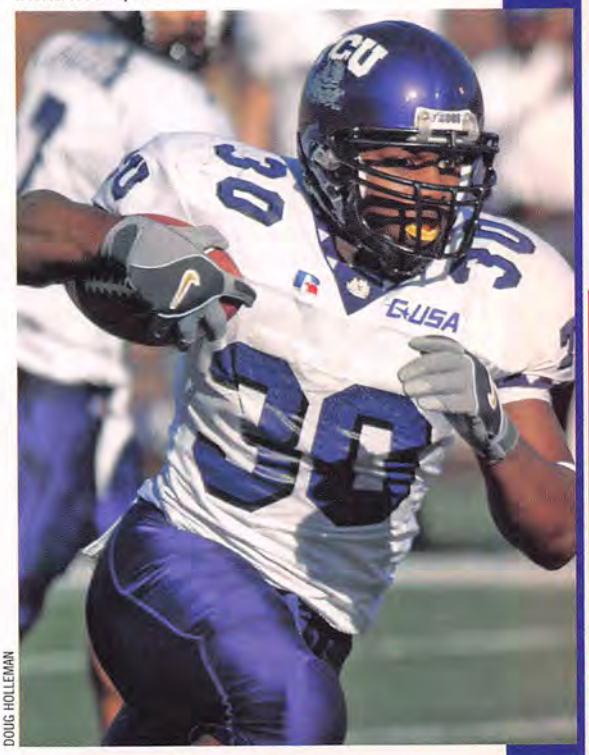
Martin Patterson, the team's top tackler from a year ago with 103 stops, is back for his senior season. His leadership will be important in a linebacking corps that will count on some youth. Senior Mark Walker, who led the team with five interceptions last season, is back to lead a solid group of cornerbacks. Chris Peoples, moved to corner from safety, was expected to be a starter but was kicked off the team for violating team rules in the spring, opening the door for senior Jerome Braziel. That group will be pushed by a pair of junior-college transfers, Quincy Butler and Drew Coleman.

Senior Marvin Godbolt is back at safety after a knee injury ended his season four games into last year. Junior Jeremy Modkins also is a returning starter, with the third safety spot open to some heated competition.

TCU also will have to fill some big shoes in replacing All-America placekicker Nick Browne.

While the offense is expected to be a strength, the defense showed good speed and actually held the offense in check during spring drills—a good sign for Patterson.

Lonta Hobbs, *TB*



DOUG HOLLEMAN

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Amon G. Carter Stadium **Capacity:** 48,800 **Turf:** Grass	**Gary Patterson,** 4th Year **Record:** 27-11 **Career Record:** 27-11	**Jarrett Anderson** (WRs), **Dick Bumpas** (def. coordinator/DL), **Chad Glasgow** (safeties), **Kyle Nystrom** (LBs), **Mike Schultz** (off. coordinator/RBs), **Dan Sharp** (TEs/special teams), **Eddie Williamson** (assistant head coach/OL), **Dick Winder** (QBs), **Charles McMillian** (CBs)

CONFERENCE USA

PRESEASON RANK **3**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-3 C-USA (*lost to Miami of Ohio in the GMAC Bowl, 49-28*)

Louisville

Louisville, Ky.

Official athletic Web site: www.uoflsports.com

CARDINALS

CONFERENCE USA

Louisville offense will most certainly deliver at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium

They've been thinking about putting safety belts into the seats at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in anticipation of what is expected to be one of the most potent offensive teams in school history.

Second-year coach Bobby Petrino, who directed the Louisville offense to a school record for rushing yards last season, has all three of his top running backs returning—Lionel Gates, Eric Shelton and Michael Bush—along with All-C-USA quarterback Stefan LeFors.

The receiving corps, led by senior J.R. Russell, is only getting better with the addition of former Kentucky Mr. Football Montrell Jones, a transfer from Tennessee. The offensive line is big and seasoned, and seemingly built perfectly for a strong running game. The only tough hole to fill is at tight end, where there's little experience in a position that has produced a first-team All-C-USA player at Louisville for seven straight seasons.

But the biggest question facing the offense is who will be the quarterback? Hometown product Brian Brohm, a high school All-American out of Louisville's Trinity High School, chose to stay home rather than take offers from Notre Dame or Tennessee, and he's expected to compete for the starting job immediately with LeFors.

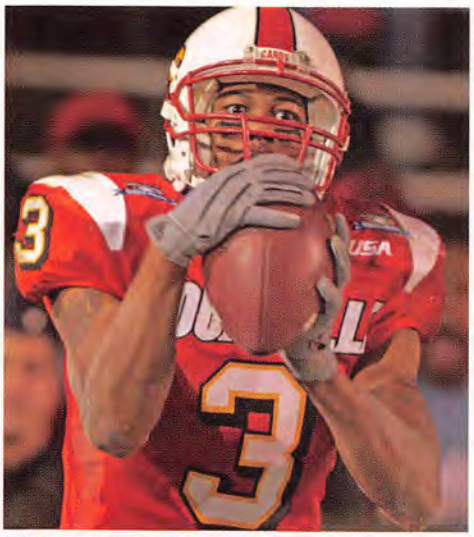
With Petrino's flair for game-planning and play-calling, the Cardinals will be fun to watch on offense.

The question will be how much they can improve on defense. Last season, Louisville gave up 40 or more points in each of its final three games. The Cardinals return all but one starter from that group, but there's some question as to whether that's good or bad.

Petrino brought in a new defensive coordinator, former Illinois coordinator Mike Cassity, and tried to pay more attention to defense himself during spring practice.

Perhaps the biggest development on defense could be the addition of Bush. Recruited as a quarterback, he was dazzling at running back last season and agreed to try out the safety position, but the experiment never got off the ground after he broke a bone in his foot on the first day of spring practice.

Bush, who played safety in high school, is the kind of playmaker who could change the complexion of a defense. But Petrino still has other holes to fill. The offensive line is thin and inexperienced. Starting tackle Bobby Leffew missed spring practice to recover from knee surgery. Tackle Tyrone Saterfield, a starter last season, missed the spring to focus on academics.



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J.R. Russell, *WR*

It's one thing to try to mask deficiencies in the secondary. Trying to overcome them on the defensive line, where the Cardinals struggled to mount an effective pass rush last season, is even more difficult.

Robert McCune returns at linebacker and William Gay at cornerback, and the Cardinals will have more experience on defense than a year ago. The good defensive news for them is that with an offense as explosive as Louisville's appears to be, the defense doesn't exactly have to become the steel curtain.

If Bush—who will continue to see time at running back—can become a significant contributor on defense, it would be a huge lift for the Cards. In fact, his progress at safety may be the key development in preseason practice.

But that's not what most observers will be watching. Most attention will be on Brohm, the son of a former Louisville quarterback and the brother of another, Jeff, who now happens to be the Cardinals' quarterbacks coach. Whether he can unseat LeFors early in the season is questionable, but he'll likely be on the field at some point.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium **Capacity:** 42,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Bobby Petrino,** 2nd Year **Record:** 9-4 **Career Record:** 9-4	**Greg Nord** (assistant head coach/TEs/RBs), **Paul Petrino** (off. coordinator), **Jeff Brohm** (QBs), **Reggie Johnson** (ILBs), **Mike Summers** (OL), **Joe Whitt Jr.** (CBs), **Kevin Wolthausen** (DL), **Tony Levine** (OLBs/special teams), **Mike Cassity** (def. coordinator/safeties)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	Kentucky	W	40-24
S.11	@ARMY	W	34-10
S.18	@TULANE	W	47-28
S.25	@NORTH CAROLINA		
O.2	East Carolina	W	36-20
O.14	@MIAMI (FL)		
O.22	South Florida	L	28-31 (OT)
N.3	@MEMPHIS	L	7-37
N.9	TCU	L	28-31
N.20	@HOUSTON	W	66-45
N.27	Cincinnati	W	43-40

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/15

OFFENSE

QB	17	Stefan LeFors (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	7	Justin Rascati (6-2, 207, So.)
FB	45	Adam McCauley (6-4, 232, Sr.)
	41	James Jackson (6-1, 238, So.)
TB	23	Lionel Gates (6-0, 225, Sr.)
	32	Eric Shelton (6-2, 247, Jr.)
LT	79	Travis Leffew (6-4, 297, Jr.)
	74	Jeremy Darveau (6-7, 312, Jr.)
LG	59	Jason Spitz (6-4, 308, Jr.)
	63	Danny Barlowe (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)
C	70	Will Rabatin (6-1, 304, Sr.)
	71	P.J. Tavarczky (6-3, 294, Sr.)
RG	76	Kurt Quarterman (6-5, 266, Jr.)
	75	Bubba Marshall (6-5, 285, Jr.)
RT	79	Renardo Foster (6-5, 327, So.)
	53	Michael Sturgeon (6-3, 288, So.)
TE	83	Wayne Riles (6-4, 240, So.)
	84	Thomas Boyce (6-5, 221, r-Fr.)
WR	3	J.R. Russell (6-3, 204, Sr.)
	2	Tiger Jones (5-11, 181, Sr.)
WR	4	Broderick Clark (6-0, 194, Jr.)
	86	Montrell Jones (6-0, 199, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	49	Shane Bailey (6-3, 277, r-Fr.)
	58	Elvin Dumervil (6-0, 244, Jr.)
DT	48	Bobby Leffew (6-4, 289, Sr.)
	91	Amobi Okoye (6-2, 317, So.)
DT	92	Montavious Stanley (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	61	Jeremy Sequin (6-2, 294, Jr.)
DE	56	Marcus Jones (6-2, 234, Sr.)
	50	Chad Rimpsey (6-3, 244, Jr.)
SAM	97	Brandon Johnson (6-5, 208, Jr.)
	52	Jonathon Jackerson (6-2, 229, Sr.)
MKE	54	Robert McCune (6-0, 244, Sr.)
	6	Preston Smith (6-1, 212, r-Fr.)
WIL	47	Deriontae Taylor (5-8, 220, So.)
	44	Willie Johnson (6-0, 212, r-Fr.)
CB	25	Antoine Harris (5-10, 184, Sr.)
	8	Early McCray (5-9, 194, r-Fr.)
CB	21	William Gay (5-11, 179, So.)
	5	Antoine Sharp (6-1, 196, Jr.)
FS	35	Brandon Sharp (5-10, 181, So.)
	1	Kerry Rhodes (6-3, 205, Sr.)
SS	11	Malik Jackson (6-2, 219, r-Fr.)
	30	Brent Johnson (5-10, 201, Sr.)

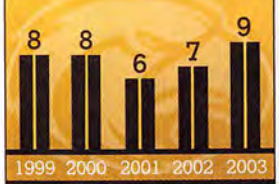
SPECIALISTS

PK	18	Arthur Carmody (5-8, 181, r-Fr.)
	21	Todd Flannery (6-1, 170, r-Fr.)
P	15	Brent Moody (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	21	Todd Flannery (6-1, 170, r-Fr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	@NEBRASKA	L	14-38
S.18	California	L	2-34
S.25	@TULANE	W	28-14
O.2	@SOUTH FLORIDA	W	27-6
O.7	Houston	W	31-10
O.16	@ALABAMA	L	3-17
O.23	East Carolina	W	38-21
N.6	Cincinnati	W	22-20
N.12	@MEMPHIS	W	23-6
N.20	@TCU	W	40-28
N.27	UAB	W	17-12

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/14

OFFENSE

QB	9	Dustin Almond (6-2, 212, r-Jr.)
	10	Jeremy Young (6-4, 202, r-Fr.)
FB	34	Wayne Hardy (6-0, 233, r-So.)
	33	Bobby Weakley (5-10, 235, So.)
TB	3	Anthony Harris (5-11, 222, r-Jr.)
	23	Tim Blackwell (6-0, 195, r-Sr.)
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	60	Chris Clark (6-5, 263, r-Fr.)
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	75	Ricardo Clark (6-1, 300, Jr.)
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	83	Anthony Perine (6-0, 175, So.)
WR	88	Marvin Young (6-0, 165, Sr.)
	25	Adam Hurst (5-11, 175, r-So.)

DEFENSE

DE	76	Matthew Chatelain (6-4, 235, r-Fr.)
	90	Tom Johnson (6-3, 280, Jr.)
NT	96	Chad Ruffin (6-0, 295, r-Sr.)
	97	Martavious Prince (6-2, 285, r-Fr.)
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	36	Neal Schmidt (6-2, 206, r-Fr.)

4 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 8-0 C-USA *(lost to Utah in the Liberty Bowl, 17-0)*

Southern Mississippi

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Official athletic Web site: www.southernmiss.com

GOLDEN EAGLES

With Almond a pure joy at QB, Bower has a team that may rely on offense for a change

Much of last season was a quest for consistent offense for Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower, who finally found it in the second half of the season. The Golden Eagles scored 30 points or better in four of their final five regular-season games, including 40 points in an upset of BCS hopeful TCU in Hattiesburg.

They became the first C-USA team to go 8-0 since the league expanded its schedule to eight games, and the nine wins matched a school record under Bower, who is known for playing as tough a non-conference schedule as anyone in the country.

That won't change this year. The Golden Eagles have out-of-conference games at Nebraska and Alabama and against California at home. And Bower is hoping that kind of grinder can toughen his team again for the challenges of conference play.

Southern Miss has built its reputation on defense in recent years, but like TCU, the Golden Eagles return more firepower on offense this season.

Dustin Almond, who led the team with 1,877 passing yards and 13 TD passes, is back, but so is sophomore Damion Carter, who gave the team another dimension when an Almond injury forced him into the lineup last season. And the coaching staff is high on freshman Jeremy Young, a prep standout from Jackson, Miss.

In fact, in the spring Bower experimented with moving Carter to wideout, just to get him onto the field.

"He's just too good an athlete not to have on the field," Bower says. "And with Dustin a solid No. 1 right now, we've got to figure out a way to utilize (Carter)."

Bower has two solid performers returning at running back. Anthony Harris ran for a team-high 671 yards after moving over from fullback because of injuries, but senior Tim Blackwell also returns, and is capable of being a feature runner. Marvin Young, who caught 42 passes last season, gives the Eagles a big-play threat at receiver, and they return four of five starters on the offensive line.

On defense, however, Southern Miss returns just four starters, total.

"I'm not concerned yet, but we had five or six defensive linemen that missed the spring because of injuries and those guys needed the work," Bower says. "The biggest key for our defense is how much progress the players can make over the summer, because we've got some work to do if we're going to live up to our reputation."

Since the beginning of the 1999 season, Southern Miss has allowed fewer touchdowns than any NCAA Division I-A school.

And Bower does have a leader returning on defense in linebacker Michael Boley, who will be a candidate for conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Up front, Southern Miss coaches are expecting big things from redshirt freshman Robert Henderson at defensive end, and they liked what they saw from tackle Terrance Ford in the spring. But they don't have a single returning starter in the secondary, and that can make any coach uneasy.

Still, Bower does have some experience at those spots. Heading into spring practice, all four starters at the top of the depth chart in the defensive backfield were upperclassmen.

If the offense can carry things for a while—which will be something new in Hattiesburg—Bower could once again have the Golden Eagles tough to stop in conference play.

Dustin Almond, *QB*

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CONFERENCE USA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: M.M. Roberts Stadium **Capacity:** 33,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Jeff Bower,** 13th Year **Record:** 80-58-1 **Career Record:** 80-58-1	**Randy Butler** (assistant head coach/DL), **Jay Johnson** (RBs), **Ron McCrone** (DBs), **Derrick Nix** (TEs), **Tyrone Nix** (def. coordinator/ILBs), **Lytrel Pollard** (OLBs/DEs), **Mitch Rodrigue** (OL), **Rip Scherer** (off. coordinator/QBs), **David Warner** (WRs)

PRESEASON RANK **5**

2003 Record: 7-4 overall, 5-3 C-USA

South Florida

Tampa, Fla.

Official athletic Web site: www.bousfbulls.com

BULLS

Bulls have talent to make last season in Conference USA a very memorable one

Last season, South Florida celebrated its first season in C-USA. This year it will play its last. But Bulls coach Jim Leavitt hopes to do some damage before the run is through.

Like most of the league, Leavitt has a heavy dose of returning talent on offense. Ronnie Banks is back for his senior season at quarterback after leading USF with 1,448 passing yards last season. But it was sophomore Pat Julmiste who was named starter in the spring, and coaches liked his progress in spring workouts.

The entire offensive line returns, and Leavitt made a successful switch by moving talented receiver Brian Fisher to running back, where he played well in the spring game.

It was a distraction-filled spring for Fisher, who was arrested for non-payment of child support to two different mothers. He was suspended from the team for a time, but after his return he earned Leavitt's confidence at the running back spot.

Now the coach just needs to find suitable replacements at wide receiver, where he lost Huey Whittaker and Elgin Hicks, last year's two leading pass-catchers, to graduation. In their place, S.J. Green, a talented sophomore, may be asked to become the primary receiver, but the receiving spots will remain wide-open heading into fall practice.

On defense, Leavitt must replace all-conference performer J.R. Reed and leaders Ron Hemingway and Kevin Verpaele in the defensive backfield. Also gone are key linebackers Maurice Jones and Courtney Davenport.

But after several years of impressive recruiting hauls in the state of Florida, Leavitt should have some talent and depth to turn to at those spots.

And the Bulls have the potential to be very good up front. Lee Roy Selmon Jr. is back for his senior season at defensive tackle. Starter Terrence Royal is back at right end, but he will be pushed by promising sophomore Tavarious Robinson.

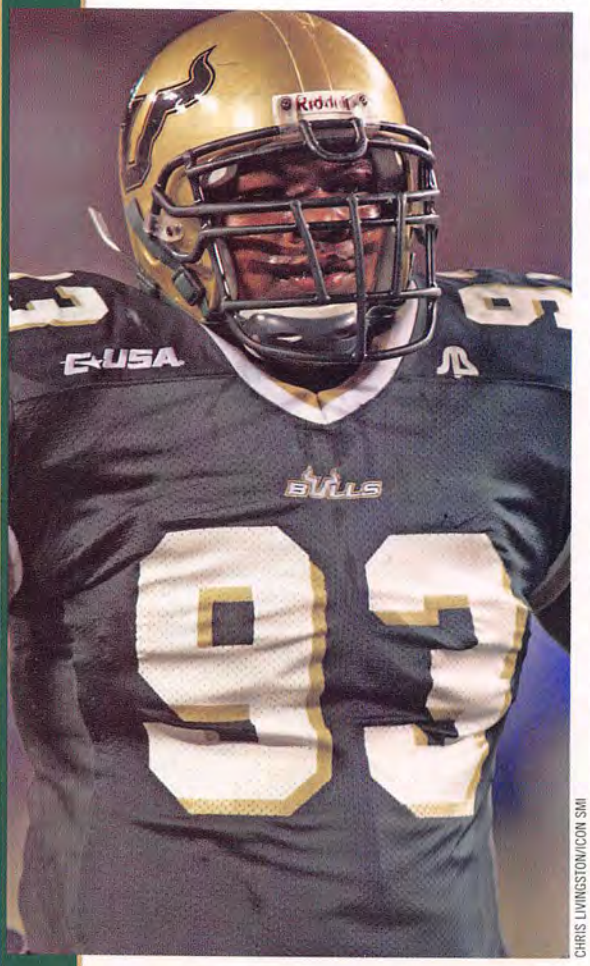
At linebacker, Leavitt has junior Devon Davis and sophomore Patrick St. Louis ready to step in, but he has a pair of true freshmen in Ronnie McCullough and Josh Balloon chasing them.

Cornerback D'Juan Brown is the lone returning starter in the secondary, but Leavitt has a trio of seniors—Kenny Robinson, Sidney Simpson and Javan Camon—to step into the spots.

Their first season in C-USA was a learning experience for the Bulls. After a stirring overtime win over Louisville got them off to a 2-0 start, they lost by a field goal at home to TCU, then lost 27-6 at Southern Miss. Still, they became the first team in NCAA history to win three overtime games in a season and won at least seven games for the sixth straight year. Leavitt is 24-9 since the program made the leap to Division I-A.

"I'm excited about this fall, now," Leavitt said after the team's spring game, in which the defensive line racked up 11 sacks. "We're better. I don't know if we'll be a better team than last year, but we're better at this point."

Lee Roy Selmon Jr., DT



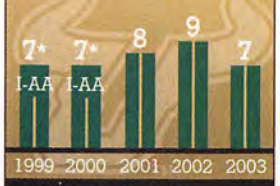
CHRIS LIVINGSTON/ICON SMI

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Raymond James Stadium **Capacity:** 65,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Jim Leavitt,** 8th Year **Record:** 51-26 **Career Record:** 51-26	**Wally Burnham** (co-def. coordinator/LBs), **Greg Frey** (OL), **Mike Hobbie** (off. coordinator/TEs), **Rick Kravitz** (assistant head coach/co-def. coordinator/secondary), **Earl Lane** (DL), **Lawrence Dawsey** (WRs), **Rich Rachel** (DEs), **Carl Franks** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Rod Smith** (pass game coordinator/QBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 6	Pittsburgh		
S. 11	Tennessee Tech		
S. 18	@SOUTH CAROLINA		
S. 25	@TCU	L	10-13
O. 2	Southern Mississippi	L	6-27
O. 16	Army	W	28-0
O. 22	@LOUISVILLE	W	31-28 (OT)
N. 6	@UAB	L	19-22
N. 13	East Carolina	W	38-37 (OT)
N. 20	@CINCINNATI	W	24-17 (OT)
N. 27	Memphis	W	21-16

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/23

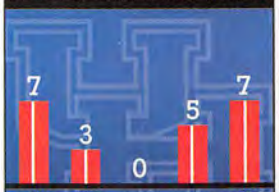
OFFENSE		
QB	3	Pat Julmiste (6-3, 220, So.)
	14	Ronnie Banks (6-3, 230, Sr.)
TB	5	Brian Fisher (5-9, 180, Sr.)
	28	Clenton Crossley (5-10, 210, Sr.)
LT	66	Derrick Sarosi (6-6, 295, Sr.)
	69	Chris McBee (6-5, 310, Jr.)
LG	68	Frank Davis (6-4, 310, Jr.)
	62	Roland Clarke (6-4, 300, So.)
C	71	Alex Herron (6-3, 280, Sr.)
	61	John Miller (6-2, 265, Jr.)
RG	74	Chris Carothers (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	75	Walter Walker (6-5, 285, Fr.)
RT	79	Levi Newton (6-4, 205, Sr.)
	72	Jerome Springfield (6-8, 335, Fr.)
TE	48	Mike Ruegger (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	44	Mark Feldman (6-4, 245, Sr.)
WR	9	Joe Bain (6-3, 190, Jr.)
	10	J.B. Garris (6-2, 180, Fr.)
WR	6	Allynson Sheffield (5-11, 180, Sr.)
	23	Travis Lipp (5-11, 175, Jr.)
WR	81	S.J. Green (6-3, 200, So.)
	15	Willie Williams (6-2, 190, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	40	Craig Kobel (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	99	Tim Jones (6-3, 255, Sr.)
NT	55	Cedric Battles (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	97	Anthony Searcy (6-3, 290, Jr.)
DT	93	Lee Roy Selmon Jr. (5-11, 280, Sr.)
	95	Matt Groelinger (6-4, 285, Sr.)
DE	46	Tavarious Robinson (6-4, 245, So.)
	56	Terrence Royal (6-3, 240, Jr.)
SLB	51	Stephen Nicholas (6-3, 215, So.)
	59	Ben Moffit (6-2, 230, Fr.)
MLB	51	Devon Davis (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	58	Ronnie McCullough (6-1, 220, Fr.)
WLB	54	Patrick St. Louis (6-1, 200, So.)
	57	Josh Balloon (6-0, 215, Fr.)
CB	42	D'Juan Brown (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	18	Mike Jenkins (6-0, 185, Fr.)
CB	21	Kenny Robinson (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	4	Antonio Warren (6-1, 180, Sr.)
FS	12	Javan Camon (6-0, 175, Sr.)
	33	Jeremy Burnett (6-1, 190, So.)
SS	1	Sidney Simpson (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	41	Drametrice Smith (6-1, 210, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	7	Santiago Gramatica (5-10, 165, Sr.)
	49	Justin Geisler (6-1, 170, Sr.)
P	47	Brandon Baker (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	7	Santiago Gramatica (5-10, 165, Sr.)

CONFERENCE USA

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@RICE	W	48-14
S.11	@OKLAHOMA		
S.18	Army	W	34-14
S.23	Miami (FL)		
O.2	@MEMPHIS	L	14-45
O.7	@SOUTHERN MISS	L	10-31
O.23	@TCU	L	55-62
O.30	Tulane	W	45-42
N.6	East Carolina	W	27-13
N.13	@UAB	W	56-28
N.20	Louisville	L	45-66

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 20
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/16

OFFENSE

QB	4	Kevin Kolb (6-3, 220, So.)
	5	Kendal Briles (5-11, 195, Jr.)
TB	6	Anthony Evans (5-10, 214, Jr.)
	27	Jackie Battle (6-2, 230, So.)
LT	75	Phil Hawkins (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	74	Jason Wagner (6-5, 290, Fr.)
LG	71	Roy Swan (6-2, 315, Jr.)
	73	Dustin Dickinson (6-3, 280, Fr.)
C	56	Sterling Doty (6-1, 290, So.)
	61	Byron Alfred (6-2, 280, Fr.)
RG	70	David Douglas (6-3, 310, Jr.)
	60	Jeremy Davis (6-2, 300, So.)
RT	72	John McGilvray (6-5, 285, Jr.)
	69	James Hong (6-5, 300, Jr.)
TE	82	Stephen Cucci (6-4, 264, Sr.)
	81	Jacob Jones (6-1, 225, Jr.)
WR	17	Vincent Marshall (5-7, 170, Jr.)
	80	Josh Carethers (6-2, 205, So.)
WR	28	Josh Hairston (5-9, 165, Jr.)
	88	Leonard Gibson (6-2, 180, r-Fr.)
WR	3	Chad McCullar (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	29	Perry McDaniel (5-8, 170, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Joe Clay (6-1, 260, Sr.)
	88	Kendrick Goss (6-4, 270, Sr.)
DT	99	Marquay Love (6-0, 300, So.)
	79	Gerard Richard (6-3, 300, Jr.)
DT	62	Kade Lane (6-2, 260, Jr.)
	98	L.C. Kirkpatrick (6-2, 275, So.)
DE	93	Eddie McCray (6-3, 231, So.)
	94	Matthew Bentley (6-2, 280, Jr.)
SAM	44	Lance Everson (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	51	Micah Kellum (6-4, 200, Fr.)
MKE	55	Ashley Subingsubing (6-0, 225, Sr.)
	41	Trent Allen (6-1, 220, Fr.)
WIL	45	Bryant Brown (6-2, 220, Jr.)
	1	Wade Koehl (6-2, 215, So.)
CB	21	Stanford Routt (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	14	Ricky Wilson (5-10, 180, So.)
CB	10	Willie Gaston (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	15	Courtney Sterling (5-7, 170, Jr.)
FS	18	Will Gulley (6-4, 195, Jr.)
	4	Roshawn Pope (5-10, 190, Jr.)
SS	16	Courtney Brooks (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	37	Rocky Schqartz (5-11, 180, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	7	Dustin Bell (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	14	Justin Laird (6-2, 175, So.)
P	7	Dustin Bell (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	19	J.J. Wyatt (5-11, 210, Sr.)

6 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 7-6 overall, 4–4 C-USA *(lost to Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl, 54-48)*

Houston

Houston, Texas

Official athletic Web site: www.uhcougars.com

COUGARS

With Kolb at the QB controls, there's no telling what Cougs could do if they had just a tad of 'D'

Year One of the Art Briles era at Houston couldn't have been much more successful. The Cougars won seven games last season—a record for any first-year Houston coach—and finished it off with a 54-48 triple-overtime circus loss at Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl.

It was that kind of season for Houston. They were going to score points and lots of them. The only question was, would the opponent light up the scoreboard even more. Houston scored 55 points against TCU, but lost by a touchdown. It scored 45 points against Louisville, but gave up 66.

In fact, in those two games, Houston gave up the two largest yardage outputs of the season in the NCAA.

Briles returns nine starters from that defense, and he says that can't help but be a plus, though for a team that gave up 440 yards per game, that may be debatable.

What isn't open for debate is the potency of Houston's offense. As a true freshman, quarterback Kevin Kolb was outstanding, passing for 3,131 yards and 25 touchdowns with only six interceptions. He led a quick-strike offense that had 22 scoring drives that took two minutes or less off the clock.

With seven starters back, that offense should not miss a beat. Though he had to replace three starters on the offensive line, Briles says that group was impressive in the spring.

Briles has a number of options at running back, including last year's leading rusher, Anthony Evans, redshirt freshman Anthony Aldridge and LSU transfer Ryan Gilbert.

The only major hole still remaining to be addressed is at receiver, where the Cougars will need to replace Brandon Middleton, who had 1,250 receiving yards last season. They do return Vincent Marshall, however, who caught 60 passes in 2003.

Briles said the goal for the defense in the spring was to become more physical, but the unit took a hit when starting linebacker Lance Everson, last season's leading tackler, broke his jaw and was forced to go on a liquid diet, losing nearly 30 pounds. Travis Griffith was moved from linebacker to an end spot, but had his spring cut short by a knee injury.

Joe Clay at left end was the most productive defensive lineman last season for Houston, and the entire starting front is back with him. Marquay Love and Eddie McCray were forced to see extensive playing time as true freshmen last season. Briles hopes that experience will lead to a sharp improvement as sophomores.

In the secondary, cornerback Stanford Routt and safety Will Gulley each had four interceptions last season.

Briles is encouraged because if the defense is even moderately improved, it could mean winning more of the shootout-type games than the Cougars won last season, particularly against some C-USA defenses that are retooling.

"We felt like we had a decent season and took a good first step," Briles says. "But we're certainly not at all pleased or satisfied with where we are . . . We're still growing as a staff and as a team."

Houston will have to grow against a brutal non-conference schedule that includes a game at Oklahoma Sept. 11 and against Miami (Fla.) in Reliant Stadium Sept. 23.

Kevin Kolb, *QB*

KEVIN TANAKA/SPORTPICS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium **Capacity:** 32,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Art Briles,** 2nd Year **Record:** 7-6 **Career Record:** 7-6	**Dave Aranda** (LBs), **Randy Clements** (OL), **Oscar Giles** (DL), **Ron Harris** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Thomas McGaughey** (special teams), **Philip Montgomery** (RBs/QBs), **Derrick Odum** (secondary), **Jason Phillips** (outside receivers), **Mike Spradlin** (TEs/inside receivers)

CONFERENCE USA

PRESEASON RANK **7**

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 C-USA

UAB

Birmingham, Ala.

Official athletic Web site: www.uabsports.com

BLAZERS

With dynamic Hackney at quarterback, Blazers should always have a chance

If the UAB Blazers had not encountered some major injury problems the past two seasons, it's hard to say where they might have ended up. Last year, a painfully young team lost its leader when quarterback Darrell Hackney missed the final five games with a dislocated thumb.

Against a difficult schedule that included a 16-13 loss at then-No.4-ranked Georgia, the young Blazers learned some lessons.

And even without Hackney they were able to pull off a 22-19 upset at South Florida in the season's next-to-last game.

Now coach Watson Brown has Hackney back. He completed 51 percent of his passes and threw for 1,659 yards and nine touchdowns before the injury last season. And Brown has seven other starters returning on offense.

But it's on defense where Brown truly hopes to make strides. Ten starters are back, and they're in their second year under defensive coordinator Wayne Bolt. Brown says their comfort level with Bolt's system was obvious in the spring.

"Our defensive guys just know so much more and most all of them are back," Brown says. "And you can see that. I think we had a good spring defensively. We didn't get anyone hurt. I feel good about them."

Cornerback Dio Hill, defensive end Jermain McElveen and linebacker Gaylon Black all sat out of spring practice for health reasons, but all will be important come fall. McElveen and tackle Shamar Abrams will anchor the defensive line, while all-conference performer Zac Woodfin leads four returning starters at linebacker. End Larry McSwain, a transfer from Jackson State, had four sacks in the spring game.

Woodfin, with 269 tackles in his first two seasons, needs only 21 more to break the school's career mark. He has set UAB's single-season record for tackles in each of his first two seasons.

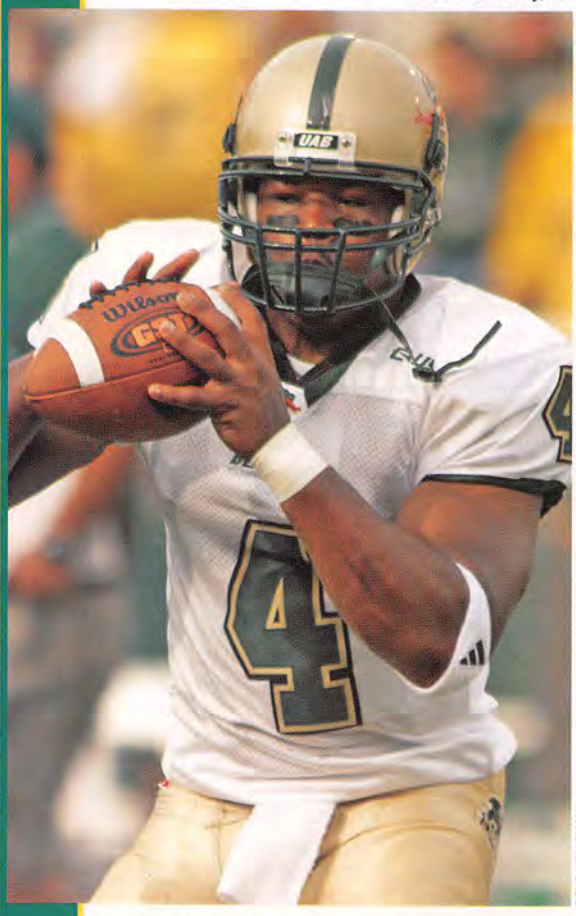
On offense, Watson is in good shape at the skill spots. Behind Hackney, running back Corey White averaged 108.3 yards rushing per game over the final three games last season. As a true freshman, wideout Nick Coon averaged an amazing 36.2 yards per catch, though he caught only 10 passes. He'll be asked to do more this season, but he'll have help. Reggie Lindsey, a junior-college transfer, will give Hackney another dangerous option, while Roddy White, who led the team with 39 receptions last season, is also back.

Brown's biggest concern is on the line, where he must find three new starters. That wasn't made easier by injury problems in the spring.

"We've said all along, our question mark is the offensive line because we'll have some new people," Brown says. "They weren't all here for spring, and we'll have to jump right into two-a-days, but I think we've got a chance to have a good team."

The Blazers open the season at home against Baylor, then travel to Florida State. And their conference schedule won't be easy. Their first two C-USA home games are against league favorites TCU and Memphis.

Darrell Hackney, *QB*



DOUG HOLLEMAN

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Legion Field **Capacity:** 83,091 **Turf:** Grass	**Watson Brown,** 10th Year **Record:** 47-54 **Career Record:** 79-131-1	**Rick Christophel** (assistant head coach), **Pat Sullivan** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Wayne Bolt** (def. coordinator)/ILBs), **Rodney Bivens** (WRs), **Pat Donohue** (DL), **Woodrow Lowe** (OLBs), **Ross Robinson** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Kevin Shirley** (DBs), **Larry VanDerHeyden** (OL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Baylor	W	24-19
S.18	@FLORIDA STATE		
S.25	Memphis	W	24-10
O.2	@CINCINNATI	W	31-14
O.9	@MISSISSIPPI STATE		
O.16	TCU	L	24-27
O.23	@TULANE	L	24-38
N.6	South Florida	W	22-19
N.13	Houston	L	28-56
N.20	@ARMY	W	24-9
N.27	@SOUTHERN MISS	L	12-17

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 20
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/9

OFFENSE

QB	4	Darrell Hackney (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	17	Curtis Falany (6-2, 205, So.)
TB	30	Corey White (6-2, 225, So.)
	6	Bo Moncur (6-0, 210, So.)
LT	70	Cornelius Rogers (6-4, 320, So.)
	71	Emilio Thompson (6-7, 330, So.)
LG	72	Andy Galloway (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	65	Tommie Keyes (6-3, 305, Jr.)
C	50	Matt Batusic (6-3, 295, Jr.)
	56	Rodney Outlaw (6-2, 300, Jr.)
RG	73	Marcel Binion (6-4, 320, Sr.)
	61	Adam Truitt (6-4, 295, Fr.)
RT	79	Jamarius Dismuke (6-5, 320, r-Fr.)
	74	Paul Linsky (6-4, 300, Jr.)
TE	80	Cedric Hampton (6-3, 275, Jr.)
	87	Chico Cleveland (6-2, 230, Sr.)
WR	10	Roddy White (6-3, 205, Sr.)
	29	Nick Coon (6-2, 190, So.)
WR	11	Reggie Lindsey (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	3	Jason Southall (5-10, 180, Sr.)
WR	15	Bradly Chavez (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	12	Lance Rhodes (5-10, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Jermaine McElveen (6-5, 245, So.)
	7	Kyle Bissinger (6-3, 255, So.)
DT	93	Shamar Abrams (6-1, 320, Sr.)
	54	Clarence Respress (6-1, 305, So.)
NT	90	Sam Williamson (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	76	Ernest Respress (6-5, 300, Jr.)
DE	77	Tony Haynes-Dalton (6-4, 285, So.)
	91	David Miller (6-3, 265, So.)
SLB	53	Gaylon Black (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	40	Darrius Taylor (6-0, 235, Sr.)
MLB	59	Nigel Eldridge (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	45	DeMarcus Rodgers (6-1, 235, Sr.)
WLB	58	Zac Woodfin (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	55	Marcus Mark (6-2, 225, r-Fr.)
CB	2	Bobby Keyes (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	5	Jhun Cook (5-10, 190, Jr.)
CB	19	Carlos Hendricks (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	37	Durrell Fuqua (5-11, 175, r-Fr.)
FS	22	Justin Whitmore (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	24	Julius Wainwright (6-2, 190, Jr.)
SS	21	Dominique Cosper (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	31	Brandon Register (5-11, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	60	Nick Hayes (6-1, 180, Sr.)
	86	Parker Mullins (5-11, 180, So.)
P	86	Parker Mullins (5-11, 180, So.)
	15	Bradly Chavez (6-0, 195, Sr.)

CONFERENCE USA

Cincinnati, Ohio PRESEASON RANK 8

Cincinnati BEARCATS

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-6 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.ucbearcats.com

With a move to the Big East Conference just a year away, Cincinnati wanted a new direction for its football program. The Bearcats stumbled to a disappointing 5-7 finish last season after nearly upsetting Ohio State in the season opener.

Cincinnati lost its final three games of the season, and sparse crowds at Nippert Stadium showed that the program had failed to capture the interest of fans in the city.

New coach Mark Dantonio, former defensive coordinator at Ohio State, hopes to change all that. He calls the program "a diamond in the rough."

He knows he has a gem in senior quarterback Gino Guidugli. Dantonio has tried to install more variety in the offense to take advantage of Guidugli's ability. His numbers took a hit last season with an inexperienced receiving corps, but he has most of those players back this year and should benefit from the return of running back Richard Hall, who rushed for 777 yards in 2003. Four of five starters are back on the offensive line.

On defense, new coordinator Pat Narduzzi, who came over from Miami of Ohio, has the senior linebacking trio of Jamar Enzor, Tyjuan Hagler and Jason Russell returning. Dantonio says he liked the play of his front seven during spring practice.

The biggest change he has been trying to affect, however, has been in attitude. He let Guidugli and the other quarterbacks play "live" in the spring, rather than shielding them from the contact.

"We're looking for great toughness and effort," Dantonio says.

They'll need all of that they can find in their season opener, when Dantonio faces his previous employer at Ohio State on Sept. 4. After that, the Bearcats face rival Miami of Ohio, then visit future Big East foe Syracuse on the road. The conference schedule calls for tough trips to Louisville and Southern Miss, but the Bearcats get Memphis and TCU at home.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@OHIO STATE		
S.11	Miami (OH)	L	37-42
S.18	@SYRACUSE		
S.25	@EAST CAROLINA	W	40-3
O.2	UAB	L	14-31
O.9	@ARMY	W	33-29
O.23	Memphis	L	16-21
O.30	TCU	L	10-43
N.6	@SOUTHERN MISS	L	20-22
N.20	South Florida	L	17-24 (OT)
N.27	@LOUISVILLE	L	40-43

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/13

OFFENSE

QB	8	Gino Guidugli (6-3, 220, Sr.)
FB	31	Evan Sparks (6-0, 205, So.)
TB	24	Richard Hall (5-11, 208, Sr.)
LT	71	Steve Eastlake (6-5, 280, Sr.)
LG	75	Kyle Takavitz (6-4, 202, Sr.)
C	74	Joel Yakovac (6-2, 283, Jr.)
RG	65	Matt Mercer (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RT	77	Clint Stickdorn (6-6, 308, Sr.)
TE	89	A.J. Lucius (6-3, 250, Sr.)
WR	7	George Murray (6-1, 194, Sr.)
WR	22	Derick Ross (5-10, 186, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Andre Frazier (6-5, 211, Sr.)
DT	94	Adam Roberts (6-3, 240, Jr.)
DT	93	Mike Wright (6-5, 291, Sr.)
DE	90	Trent Cole (6-4, 250, Sr.)
SLB	30	Jason Russell (6-2, 210, Sr.)
MLB	46	Jamar Enzor (6-1, 222, Sr.)
WLB	42	Tyjuan Hagler (6-2, 222, Sr.)
CB	25	Tedric Harwell (5-11, 188, Sr.)
CB	18	Daven Holly (5-11, 184, Sr.)
FS	49	Dominic Ros (6-0, 197, So.)
SS	45	Doug Monaghan (6-3, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	21	Chris Manfredini (5-9, 165, So.)
P	12	Chet Ervin (6-3, 186, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Nippert Stadium
Capacity: 35,000
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:

Mark Dantonio, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

Greenville, N.C. PRESEASON RANK 9

East Carolina PIRATES

2003 Record: 1-11 overall, 1-7 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.ecupirates.com

In his first head-coaching season, John Thompson got a lesson in bad luck. Before the season even began, he lost his top offensive weapon, running back Art Brown, to a knee injury. What followed was a run of offensive futility that saw the Pirates finish next-to-last in C-USA in scoring offense. And things weren't much better on defense with a unit that gave up 35.7 points per game.

But Thompson shook things up in the offseason. He hired former Florida quarterback Noah Brindise as offensive coordinator and instructed Brindise, who spent eight years as a player and assistant under Steve Spurrier, to bring Spurrier's old Fun 'N Gun offense to Greenville, N.C.

"It's a totally different system," Thompson says. "I have competed against this offense and this style three times, and it was undoubtedly the toughest style to prepare for. I think we're going to be a lot more explosive team with a lot more variety in our offense."

Having Brown back will help, but losing leading receiver Terrance Copper won't. Sophomore James Pinkney was the quickest to catch on to the new system at quarterback, but he'll still face a challenge from returning starter Desmond Robinson. Patrick Dosh, a sophomore transfer from Florida, is also in the mix. With key losses at receiver, tailback Marvin Townes may move to wideout.

Thompson, the former defensive coordinator at Florida, was particularly frustrated with the team's defensive performance last season and will take a more hands-on role this year. He returns six starters there, including Chris Moore, who was the nation's second-leading tackler a year ago. Erode Jean, who led East Carolina in pass breakups last season, will anchor the secondary.

Jason Pender and Tutu Moye have been moved from the offense to help provide some defensive depth, as was freshman Pierre Parker, a converted running back who is expected to compete for a job at outside linebacker.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	7-48
S.11	Wake Forest	L	16-34
S.25	Cincinnati	L	3-40
O.2	@LOUISVILLE	L	20-36
O.9	Tulane	L	18-28
O.23	@SOUTHERN MISS	L	21-38
O.30	Army	W	38-32
N.6	@HOUSTON	L	13-27
N.13	@SOUTH FLORIDA	L	37-38 (OT)
N.20	Memphis	L	24-41
N.27	North Carolina State		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/20

OFFENSE

QB	7	James Pinkney (6-3, 208, So.)
FB	57	Jermarcus Veal (6-0, 257, Jr.)
TB	33	Art Brown (5-9, 207, Sr.)
LT	65	Eric Graham (6-6, 307, So.)
LG	76	Charlie Dempsey (6-3, 300, Sr.)
C	67	Hunter Wood (6-3, 281, Jr.)
RG	64	Gary Freeman (6-1, 318, So.)
RT	92	James Myrick (6-4, 271, Jr.)
TE	85	Shawn Levesque (6-4, 260, Jr.)
WR	17	Damarcus Fox (5-8, 172, Sr.)
WR	80	Kevin Roach (6-4, 209, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Shauntae Hunt (6-5, 266, Jr.)
NG	59	Dontré Brown (6-0, 296, So.)
DT	90	Guy Whimper (6-5, 271, Jr.)
DE	34	Richard Koonce (6-0, 236, Jr.)
SLB	37	Ike Emodi (6-4, 231, Sr.)
MLB	40	Chris Moore (6-0, 208, Jr.)
WLB	42	Dashaun Stephens (5-11, 222, Jr.)
CB	21	Donald Whitehead (5-10, 189, Sr.)
CB	26	Erode Jean (5-9, 177, So.)
FS	9	Zach Baker (6-1, 207, Jr.)
ROV	4	Kyle Chase (5-9, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	10	Cameron Broadwell (6-3, 200, Sr.)
P	9	Ryan Dougherty (6-1, 211, So.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
Capacity: 43,000
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

John Thompson, 2nd Year
Record: 1-11
Career Record: 1-11

New Orleans, La. PRESEASON RANK 10

Tulane GREEN WAVE

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.tulanegreenwave.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	31-28
S.11	Florida A&M		
S.18	Louisville	L	28-47
S.25	Southern Mississippi	L	14-28
O.9	@EAST CAROLINA	W	28-18
O.16	@MEMPHIS	L	9-41
O.23	UAB	W	38-24
O.30	@HOUSTON	L	42-45
N.6	Navy	L	17-35
N.13	Army	W	50-33
N.27	@TCU	L	35-38

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/15

OFFENSE

QB	6	Nick Cannon (6-3, 215, So.)
FB	43	Adam Wood (6-1, 255, Fr.)
TB	28	Jovon Jackson (5-11, 210, Jr.)
LT	68	Chris McGee (6-4, 285, Jr.)
LG	72	Matt Traina (6-3, 285, Jr.)
C	55	Joe Traina (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RG	66	Donald Madlock (6-4, 300, Jr.)
RT	76	Jimmy Kosienski (6-7, 290, Sr.)
TE	88	Bobby Hoover (6-4, 255, Jr.)
WR	9	Roydell Williams (6-2, 188, Sr.)
WR	80	Chris Bush (6-1, 205, r-Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	95	Michael Roberts (6-3, 260, Jr.)
DT	96	Tremell Jack (6-3, 280, So.)
DT	99	Bamm Mateen (6-0, 300, Jr.)
DE	42	Billy Harrison (6-4, 240, So.)
SLB	39	Antonio Mason (6-0, 220, Jr.)
MLB	33	Kelvin Johnson (6-2, 245, So.)
WLB	11	Anthony Cannon (6-0, 232, Jr.)
CB	31	Sean Lucas (5-11, 192, Jr.)
CB	20	Bruce Youmans (5-10, 188, Jr.)
FS	27	Joey Dawson (6-2, 188, Sr.)
SS	2	Tra Boger (6-1, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	29	Barrett Pepper (5-10, 185, So.)
P	45	Chris Beckman (6-2, 195, So.)

In some ways, Chris Scelfo was glad to see last season come to an end. It meant no one else could get hurt. Injuries grounded the Green Wave. Now he'll try to keep graduation from doing the same.

From Shaun King to Patrick Ramsey to J.P. Losman, Tulane has cranked out one first-rate quarterback after another. But even after spring drills, Scelfo didn't know who his starter would be.

Sophomore LSU transfer Lester Ricard, sophomore Nick Cannon and redshirt freshman Richard Irvin will have to fight it out this fall.

Whoever gets the job will have a solid target in senior wideout Roydell Williams. And they'll have an up-and-comer at running back in Jovon Jackson, who filled in well when star running back and NFL draft pick Mewelde Moore was lost to injury last season. In fact, he rushed for 183 yards in his first college start. Scelfo's only concern about Jackson is whether he'll be durable enough to get through an entire season.

Scelfo has eight starters back on defense, led by junior linebacker Anthony Cannon, who has registered more than 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons. Sophomore defensive end Billy Harrison is back after making a team-best 7.5 tackles behind the line.

Still, Scelfo faces an uphill battle after finishing 5-7 a year ago.

Roydell Williams, *WR*

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Louisiana Superdome
Capacity: 69,767
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:

Chris Scelfo, 6th Year
Record: 26-34
Career Record: 26-34

West Point, NY. PRESEASON RANK 11

Army BLACK KNIGHTS

2003 Record: 0-13 overall, 0-8 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.goarmysports.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	Louisville	L	10-34
S.18	@HOUSTON	L	14-34
S.25	@CONNECTICUT	L	21-48
O.2	TCU	L	0-27
O.9	Cincinnati	L	29-33
O.16	@SOUTH FLORIDA	L	0-28
O.30	@EAST CAROLINA	L	32-38
N.6	Air Force	L	3-31
N.13	@TULANE	L	33-50
N.20	UAB	L	9-24
D.4	@NAVY@	L	6-34

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/12

OFFENSE

QB	7	Zac Dahman (6-0, 172, Jr.)
FB	28	Tielor Robinson (5-11, 220, So.)
TB	30	Carlton Jones (5-9, 185, Jr.)
LT	75	Joel Glover (6-5, 283, Sr.)
LG	71	Adam Wojcik (6-3, 282, Sr.)
C	51	Justin Troy (6-2, 285, Sr.)
RG	67	Pete Bier (6-4, 289, Jr.)
RT	74	Seth Nieman (6-5, 292, Sr.)
TE	91	Tim Dunn (6-4, 243, So.)
WR	18	William White (5-10, 192, Sr.)
WR	19	Aaron Alexander (6-6, 199, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Will Sullivan (6-3, 255, Sr.)
DT	58	Dan Evans (6-2, 275, Jr.)
DT	50	Trey Landry (6-2, 281, Sr.)
DE	95	Odene Brathwaite (6-4, 269, Sr.)
SLB	16	Greg Washington (6-0, 218, Sr.)
MLB	44	Matt Maimone (6-2, 220, Sr.)
WLB	3	Mikel Resnick (6-0, 215, Sr.)
CB	37	Delente Brewer (5-11, 186, Sr.)
CB	38	Jonathan Lewis (5-10, 195, Sr.)
FS	20	Dhyan Tarver (6-1, 181, Jr.)
SS	31	Curt Daniels (5-11, 197, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	21	Austin Miller (6-2, 197, So.)
P	27	Alex Bradford (6-0, 189, Sr.)

There wasn't a more intriguing coaching hire in college football than the decision of the U.S. Military Academy to bring Bobby Ross out of retirement to try and breathe new life into the tradition-rich Black Knights' football program.

He'll have his hands full. Army suffered the worst season of its football history last fall, and Ross admits that "I'm sure I'll have some rust out there."

But he also says he's been invigorated by the challenge, and he has brought a measure of curiosity back to Army football.

In evaluating the talent he has, Ross says, "It's tough for me because I have been out of college coaching for such a long time. However, I was not disappointed with our talent level. I would like to see more size on the defensive line and more overall speed, but as a whole I wasn't disappointed."

Quarterback Zac Dahman finished last season as Army's single-season record-holder for pass completions (230), attempts (436) and yards (2,234), and as a junior should be in position to lead an offense that returns 10 starters.

On defense, Ross has eight starters back, including senior end Odene Brathwaite, senior tackle Trey Landry and junior safety Dhyan Tarver.

Ross' first job will be to restore his team's confidence, and he said he'd try and do that through preparation.

"We talked about preparation this spring," says Ross, who won a share of a national title at Georgia Tech in 1990. "If you prepare properly, you give yourself a chance to win. I approached the team a number of times about how they feel entering an exam when they haven't prepared, and they tell me they feel shaky. When they go into an exam prepared, they feel good, and it's no different in a football game.

"At the end of this spring, we felt competitive. We want to get ourselves to the point where we feel we have a 50-50 chance to win when we step out on the field. I know I feel that way, and we're getting closer to everybody feeling that way."

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Michie Stadium
Capacity: 39,929
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:

Bobby Ross, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 94-76-2

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#5 ▶p.75
#6 ▶p.76
#7 ▶p.77
#8 ▶p.78
#9 ▶p.79
#10 ▶p.79

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Steve Smith**, USC
Best hands: **Geoff McArthur**, WR, Cal
Best passing QB: **Matt Leinart**, USC
Best option QB: **Isaiah Stanback**, Washington
Most elusive RB: **Reggie Bush**, RB, USC
Best instincts: **Matt Grootegoed**, LB, USC
Best athlete: **Reggie Bush**, RB, USC
Best under pressure: **Aaron Rodgers**, QB, Cal
Top NFL prospect: **Reggie Bush**, RB, USC
Top impact freshman: **Fred Davis**, WR, USC
Hardest hitter: **Will Derting**, LB, Washington State
Biggest underachiever: **Michael Craven**, LB, Stanford

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Jeff Tedford**, Cal
Best recruiter: **Mike Bellotti**, Oregon
Coach on the spot: **Buddy Teevens**, Stanford

Don't be surprised if ...

The Pac-10 has only four bowl-eligible teams: USC, Cal, Oregon and Arizona State. That would leave three bowl slots unfilled (Las Vegas, Emerald and Silicon Valley).

One man's opinion

"We know the team to shoot for, and then there's all the rest of us."

—Cal coach Jeff Tedford on USC

Rating the recruits

1. USC
OL Jeff Byers and LB Keith Rivers head one of the most heralded classes in the nation.

2. Oregon
Landing WR Cameron Colvin at the last minute was a huge boost.

3. Cal
Undoubtedly the Bears' best class since the late '90s. QB Nate Longshore will succeed Aaron Rodgers.

4. Washington
Impact newcomers include several JCs and another Tuiasosopo, Matt, a quarterback.

5. Washington State
WR Randy Estes is a stud, but academic-eligibility issues hang over the class.

6. Oregon State
Lineman Tavita Thompson among three players the Beavers grabbed from other schools late in the process.

7. Arizona State
Heavy emphasis on tight ends as Devils deploy more H-back formations.

8. Stanford
Had 15 scholarships available and signed 12, including OL stud Alex Fletcher.

9. UCLA
Failed to fill most glaring need (a top-notch quarterback) and got pummeled by cross-town rival.

10. Arizona
Mike Stoops relied on Midwest connections to make the most of a difficult situation.

Official conference Web site: www.pac-10.org

It's a down year for Pac-10 football, but battle at top between Leinart and Rodgers worth watching

By Jon Wilner
San Jose Mercury News

For Pac-10 fans hoping the conference rebounds from its worst men's basketball season in years, there's isn't much to get excited about. In fact, developments this fall might look eerily similar to the events of last winter.

The league had one elite basketball team (Stanford), a few above-average outfits (Washington and Arizona), and a handful of muck. The same could be true on the gridiron, where USC figures to be the class of the conference, followed by three unproven contenders on the second tier (Cal, Arizona State and Oregon) and then a handful of pretenders.

If the league does struggle, it won't have to search for an explanation. Seven of the 10 teams have changed coaches in the last three years. New coaches mean new systems, new terminologies and new recruiting philosophies.

But changes at the top aren't the only issue. A conference long known for dynamic offense and elite quarterbacks has only two proven passers: USC's Matt Leinart and Cal's Aaron Rodgers. Leinart is a Heisman candidate; Rodgers probably should be.

Given the talent surrounding Leinart, USC is the odds-on favorite to win its third straight conference title. Cal, which is just three years removed from a 1-10 season, figures to be the Trojans' toughest competition.

Three other quarterbacks—Oregon's Kellen Clemens, Arizona State's Andrew Walter and Oregon State's Derek Anderson—are talented but must become more consistent for their teams to contend for the title. The bottom six have quarterbacks who are either new or mediocre.

But take solace, Pac-10 fans. Softball season is only a few months away.

Games to watch

Utah at Arizona, Sept. 11
Mike Stoops' first big game as coach comes vs. MWC favorite that embarrassed the Wildcats 59-13 last year.

Cal at USC, Oct. 9
Trojans looking to avenge their only loss of '03.

Washington at Oregon, Oct. 30
Forget geography. This is the league's fiercest rivalry.

Oregon at Cal, Nov. 6
The over/under on this one should be 95 points.

Oregon at Oregon State, Nov. 20
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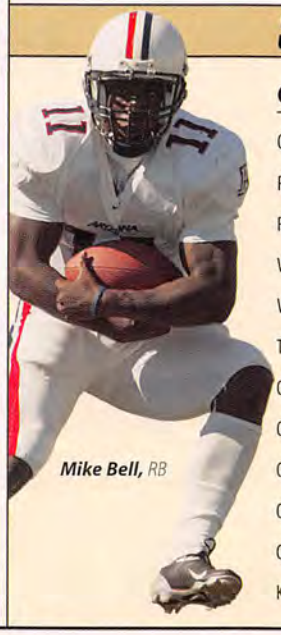

Mike Bell, RB

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OFFENSE

QB—**Matt Leinart**, Jr., USC
RB—**Mike Bell**, Jr., Arizona
RB—**Reggie Bush**, So., USC
WR—**Geoff McArthur**, Sr., Cal
WR—**Craig Bragg**, Sr., UCLA
TE—**Troy Bienemann**, Jr., Washington State
OL—**Adam Snyder**, Sr., Oregon
OL—**Doug Nienhuis**, Sr., Oregon State
OL—**Grayling Love**, Jr., Arizona State
OL—**Calvin Armstrong**, Sr., Washington State
OL—**Khalif Barnes**, Sr., Washington
K—**Jared Siegel**, Sr., Oregon

DEFENSE

DL—**Shaun Cody**, Sr., USC
DL—**Mike Patterson**, Sr., USC
DL—**Bill Swancutt**, Sr., Oregon State
DL—**Devan Long**, Jr., Oregon
LB—**Will Derting**, Jr., Washington State
LB—**Matt Grootegoed**, Sr., USC
LB—**Wendell Hunter**, Sr., Cal
DB—**Donnie McCleskey**, Jr., Cal
DB—**Oshiomogho Atogwe**, Sr., Stanford
DB—**Mitch Meeuwsen**, Sr., Oregon State
DB—**Brandon Browner**, So., Oregon State
P—**Tom Malone**, Jr., USC

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
A.28	@VIRGINIA TECH@		
S.4	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	35-18
S.11	Colorado State		
S.25	@STANFORD	W	44-21
O.9	California	L	31-34 (OT)
O.16	Arizona State	W	37-17
O.23	Washington	W	43-23
O.30	@WASHINGTON STATE	W	43-16
N.6	@OREGON STATE	W	52-28
N.13	Arizona	W	45-0
N.20	@UCLA	W	47-22
N.27	Notre Dame	W	45-14

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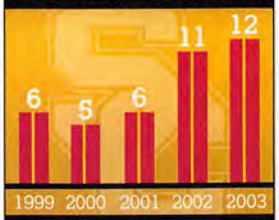


DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/27

OFFENSE

QB	11	Matt Leinart (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	17	John David Booty (6-3, 200, So.)
FB	35	Lee Webb (6-0, 240, Sr.)
	37	David Kirtman (6-0, 220, Jr.)
TB	5	Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, So.)
	34	Hershel Dennis (5-11, 190, Jr.)
LT	79	Sam Baker (6-5, 315, Fr.)
	69	Matt Spanos (6-5, 285, Fr.)
LG	63	Travis Watkins (6-3, 305, Sr.)
	70	Alatini Malu (6-5, 340, So.)
C	67	Ryan Kalil (6-4, 270, So.)
	61	Ross Burruel (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RG	57	Fred Matua (6-2, 300, So.)
	73	John Drake (6-4, 350, Sr.)
RT	75	Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, So.)
	60	Drew Radovich (6-5, 280, Fr.)
TE	81	Alex Holmes (6-3, 270, Sr.)
	86	Dominique Byrd (6-3, 255, Jr.)
SE	4	Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, So.)
	31	William Buchanon (6-3, 180, Jr.)
FL	2	Steve Smith (6-1, 190, So.)
	89	Chris McFoy (6-1, 190, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	84	Shaun Cody (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	96	Lawrence Jackson (6-5, 250, Fr.)
NT	99	Mike Patterson (6-0, 285, Sr.)
	49	Sedrick Ellis (6-2, 280, Fr.)
DT	92	Manuel Wright (6-6, 285, So.)
	95	Travis Tofi (6-4, 255, So.)
DE	90	Frostee Rucker (6-4, 240, Jr.)
	91	Van Brown (6-5, 265, Sr.)
SLB	42	Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	41	Thomas Williams (6-3, 225, Fr.)
MLB	58	Lofa Tatupu (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	45	Oscar Lua (6-2, 245, So.)
WLB	6	Matt Grootegoed (5-11, 215, Sr.)
	59	Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, Jr.)
CB	24	Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, Jr.)
	59	Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr.)
CB	23	Ronald Nunn (5-11, 180, Sr.)
	18	John Walker (6-2, 200, Jr.)
FS	27	Jason Leach (5-11, 210, Sr.)
	38	Ryan Ting (5-10, 190, So.)
SS	20	Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, So.)
	26	Greg Farr (6-0, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Ryan Killeen (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	19	Mario Danelo (5-10, 200, Fr.)
P	14	Tom Malone (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	16	Ryan Killeen (5-11, 200, Sr.)

1 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 12-1 overall, 7-1 Pac-10 *(beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl, 28-14)*

Southern California

Los Angeles, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.usctrojans.com

TROJANS

With the All-America Matts and a breakout Bush at RB, Trojans will make another title run

It's not outlandish to suggest that USC lost more talent than the rest of the conference possessed. Go ahead, name six players better than Mike Williams, Keary Colbert, Jacob Rogers, Norm Katnik, Will Poole, Kenechi Udeze and Winston Justice.

It can't be done, which explains USC's dominance during the 2003 season.

But the Trojans are so deep, their recruiting so strong, that they're the team to beat in '04 despite the departures of six all-league players and the suspension of one of the top offensive lineman (Justice).

The only thing standing between USC and another Pac-10 title—and another national title—is desire.

The Trojans return 13 starters and are strong at quarterback and running back, on special teams and up the middle on defense. The top assistants are back, the freshman class should be among the nation's best, and the schedule is favorable. USC gets its toughest challengers (Cal and Arizona State) at home, and it doesn't play Oregon.

"The key for us this year will be whether we can return to the work ethic that made it possible for us to have the success we've had," says coach Pete Carroll, whose team was 12-1 last season and has won 20 of its last 21 games. "It's a work ethic we must have in workouts, in practices and in games."

Matt Leinart, QB

BRIAN SPURLOCK

The nation's top rush defense (60.2 ypg) returns all-conference linemen Mike Patterson and Shaun Cody, plus middle linebacker Matt Grootegoed and safeties Jason Leach and Darnell Bing.

An offense that averaged 41 points per game returns quarterback Matt Leinart, all the tailbacks and both tight ends. The Trojans might not win games 45-17 like they did the past two seasons. Instead, 28-10 seems about right.

"That's my fundamental approach to the game: control the ball on offense, go get it on defense and make things happen on special teams," Carroll says.

Leinart finished sixth in the Heisman voting last season but will be hard-pressed to repeat his gaudy numbers (63 percent completions, 38 TDs) without Williams and Colbert, who combined for 164 catches.

Steve Smith and Whitney Lewis emerged from spring practice as the likely replacements, and freshman Fred Davis should make an immediate impact. Watch for the Trojans to diversify the attack and make ample use of tight ends Alex Holmes, Gregg Guenther and Dominique Byrd.

They also have the league's best combination of running backs in LenDale White, Herschel Dennis and speedster Reggie Bush. Although Bush was third on the team in rushing in '03, Pac-10 insiders and NFL scouts alike expect a breakout season; he is arguably the most gifted player in the conference.

The only question is whether the offensive line, which lost four starters, can open enough holes for a consistent rushing attack. (With Winston Justice suspended from school, the lone returnee is guard Fred Matua.)

Then again, the offense should have prime field position from which to attack. Opponents aren't likely to have much success running against All-America linebacker Matt Grootegoed & Co. And if the Trojans can generate a consistent pass rush—big things are expected of tackle Manuel Wright and freshman end Jeff Schweiger—that should take the pressure off the new starters at cornerback.

"The past two years, we played just how we drew it up," Carroll says. "The challenge is whether we can keep it up."

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum **Capacity:** 92,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Pete Carroll,** 4th Year **Record:** 29-9 **Career Record:** 29-9	**Greg Burns** (secondary), **Brennan Carroll** (TEs), **Norm Chow** (off. coordinator), **Tim Davis** (OL), **Lane Kiffin** (WRs/passing game coordinator), **Todd McNair** (RBs), **Ken Norton Jr.** (defensive assistant), **Ed Orgeron** (assistant head coach/DL/recruiting coordinator), **Rocky Seto** (LBs), **Dennis Slutak** (special teams assistant)

PAC-10

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 8-6 overall, 5-3 Pac-10 *(beat Virginia Tech in the Insight Bowl, 52-49)*

California

Berkeley, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.calbears.com

GOLDEN BEARS

Bear offense ready to take national stage with pass-catch combo of Rodgers-to-McArthur

Third-year coach Jeff Tedford's rebuilding job has been so swift and so successful—from 1-10 to 8-6 in two stunning years—that the Bears are worthy of a spot in the preseason Top 25 and a legitimate contender for USC's conference crown. But only if two things happen: the Bears must stay healthy, which is not in their control, and they must stay humble, which is.

"I've talked to the team about not worrying about the external expectations," Tedford says. "Internally, we have to focus every day on preparing our mind-set for the season. That can't change."

The Bears return 15 starters from a team that beat Virginia Tech 52-49 in the Insight Bowl, including talented quarterback Aaron Rodgers and productive receiver Geoff McArthur. But they are not talented enough to survive a bout of lethargy (and the mistakes that result from it). This is especially true given the brutal early schedule: four of the first five games are on the road.

By the time the Bears board their flight home from Los Angeles after an Oct. 9 game at USC, they'll know their fate as either fraud or contender. The best guess: contender.

In Tedford, Rodgers and McArthur, the Bears have the best combination of coach, quarterback and receiver in the conference.

Rodgers, a junior, transferred from Butte Junior College last summer and started slowly as he adjusted to the speed and complexity of the game. But he finished the regular season with back-to-back 300-yard games, then skewered Virginia Tech for 394 yards in the Insight Bowl. He is mobile, accurate and has a strong arm. But will his head be in the right place?

"It's important that we are up-front and honest with him about the expectation and what the future holds and that anything is possible," Tedford says. "I don't want him to hide from it."

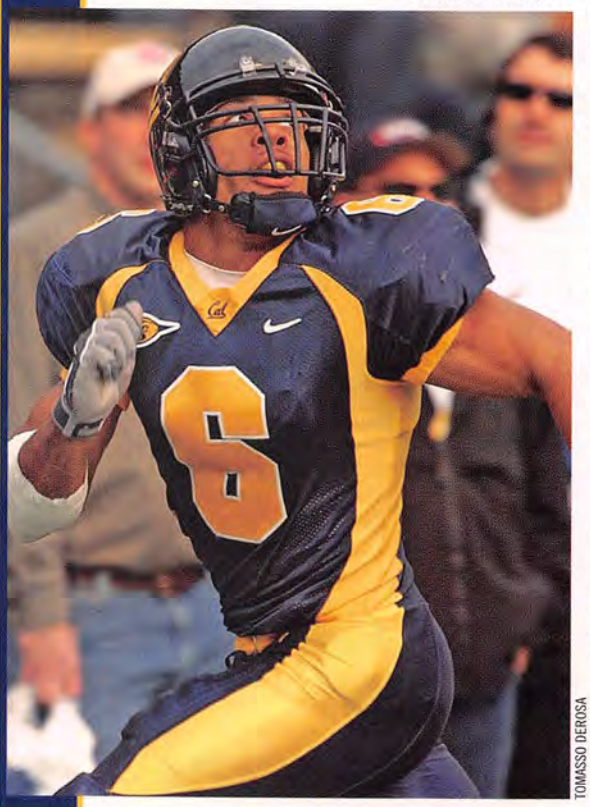
If Rodgers has time to throw—the Bears must replace two all-conference tackles—he'll have plenty of options at his disposal. McArthur, a disciplined route-runner with terrific hands, averaged 17.7 yards per catch last season, tops in the conference. On the other side reside the underrated Burl Toler and steady Jonathan Makonnen. Garrett Cross, who broke his leg in November, is the expected starter at tight end.

The top candidate to replace tailback Adimchinobe Echemandu (92 yards per game) is shifty senior J.J. Arrington. After transferring from College of the Canyons juco, Arrington averaged 5.7 yards per carry last season and shredded Washington for 185 yards in his second career start.

No question, the Bears are capable of scoring 35 points per game, but they won't have to. Nine starters return on defense. Tackle Lorenzo Alexander anchors the line, sack-master Wendell Hunter is one of the top linebackers in the league, and there aren't any better defensive backs than rover Donnie McCleskey, who had 102 tackles and 5.5 sacks last season.

"Donnie brings a passion and competitive spirit that is contagious," Tedford says. "(He is) the perfect role model for the younger players on this team."

Geoff McArthur, *WR*



TOMASSO DEROSA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 76,700 **Turf:** Grass	**Jeff Tedford,** 3rd Year **Record:** 15-11 **Career Record:** 15-11	**George Cortez** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Bob Gregory** (def. coordinator), **Ken Delgado** (DL), **Ron Gould** (RBs), **Eric Kiesau** (WRs), **Jim Michalczik** (assistant head coach/OL), **Pete Alamar** (special teams/TEs), **Justin Wilcox** (LBs), **J.D. Williams** (defensive secondary)

PAC-10

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@AIR FORCE		
S.11	New Mexico State		
S.18	@SOUTHERN MISS	W	34-2
O.2	@OREGON STATE	L	21-35
O.9	@USC	W	34-31 (OT)
O.16	UCLA	L	20-23 (OT)
O.23	@ARIZONA	W	42-14
O.30	Arizona State	W	51-23
N.6	Oregon	L	17-21
N.13	@WASHINGTON	W	54-7
N.20	Stanford	W	28-16

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/17

OFFENSE

QB	8	Aaron Rodgers (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	17	Reggie Robertson (6-2, 190, Sr.)
FB	27	Chris Manderino (6-1, 230, Jr.)
	38	Byron Storer (6-1, 210, So.)
TB	30	J.J. Arrington (5-11, 210, Sr.)
	2	Marcus O'Keith (6-1, 175, So.)
LT	71	Andrew Cameron (6-5, 310, So.)
	60	Jonathon Murphy (6-5, 300, Jr.)
RG	55	Jonathan Giesel (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	75	Erik Robertson (6-2,315, So.)
C	54	Marvin Philip (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	52	Scott Smith (6-4, 290, So.)
LG	65	Aaron Merz (6-4, 230, Jr.)
	66	Bryan Deemer (6-4, 300, Jr.)
RT	61	Ryan O'Callaghan (6-7, 340, Jr.)
	60	Jonathon Murphy (6-5, 300, Jr.)
TE	88	Garrett Cross (6-5, 230, Sr.)
	82	Craig Stevens (6-5, 250, Fr.)
WR	5	Jonathan Makonnen (6-0, 175, Sr.)
	10	Burl Toler (6-2, 190, Sr.)
WR	6	Geoff McArthur (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	15	Chase Lyman (6-4, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Tosh Lupoi (6-3, 250, Sr.)
	92	Ray Tago (6-3, 280, Sr.)
DT	76	Lorenzo Alexander (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	52	Brandon Mebane (6-3, 290, So.)
NT	72	Tom Sverchek (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	69	Matt Malele (6-3, 310, Fr.)
DE	90	Ryan Riddle (6-3, 250, Sr.)
	48	J.D. Cafaro (6-2, 250, Sr.)
OLB	9	Joe Maningo (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	59	Sid Slater (6-2, 225, Sr.)
MLB	40	Wendell Hunter (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	58	Brian Tremblay (6-1, 235, Sr.)
OLB	19	Francis Blay-Miezah (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	26	Ryan Foltz (6-2, 210, Jr.)
CB	11	Harrison Smith (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	22	Tim Mixon (5-8, 170, So.)
CB	13	Daymeion Hughes (6-2, 180, So.)
	7	Thomas DeCoud (6-3, 190, Fr.)
FS	23	Ryan Gutierrez (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	20	Matt Giordano (6-0, 190, Sr.)
ROV	21	Donnie McCleskey (5-10, 180, Jr.)
	25	Mike McGrath (5-11, 195, Sr.)

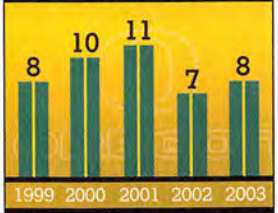
SPECIALISTS

PK	14	David Lonie (6-6, 210, Jr.)
	35	Anthony Binswanger (6-2, 190, Fr.)
P	14	David Lonie (6-6, 210, Jr.)
	5	Lucas Everett (6-2, 200, Sr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	Indiana		
S.18	@OKLAHOMA		
S.25	Idaho		
O.2	Arizona State	L	14-59
O.9	@WASHINGTON STATE	L	16-55
O.16	Arizona	W	48-10
O.23	@STANFORD	W	35-0
O.30	Washington	L	10-42
N.6	@CALIFORNIA	W	21-17
N.13	UCLA	W	31-13
N.20	@OREGON STATE	W	34-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/17

OFFENSE

QB	11	Kellen Clemens (6-2, 214, Jr.)
	12	Johnny DuRocher (6-4, 215, Fr.)
FB	44	Dante Rosario (6-4, 247, So.)
	41	Jerome Johnson (6-0, 246, Fr.)
TB	24	Terrence Whitehead (5-10, 207, Jr.)
	20	Kenny Washington (6-0, 2007, Sr.)
LT	72	Adam Snyder (6-6, 310, Sr.)
	68	Shawn Flanagan (6-5, 286, So.)
LG	74	Nick Steitz (6-4, 205, Sr.)
	59	Ian Reynoso (6-4, 297, Jr.)
C	55	Enoka Lucas (6-2, 304, So.)
	74	Nick Steitz (6-4, 205, Jr.)
RG	59	Ian Reynoso (6-4, 297, Jr.)
	79	Robin Knebel (6-6, 319, Sr.)
RT	79	Robin Knebel (6-6, 319, Sr.)
	77	Michael DeLaGrange (6-6, 328, Sr.)
TE	85	Tim Day (6-4, 268, Jr.)
	82	Dan Kause (6-4, 245, So.)
WR	1	Garren Strong (6-3, 185, r-Fr.)
	89	Jordan Carey (5-11, 200, So.)
WR	6	Demetrius Williams (6-2, 180, Jr.)
	19	Brian Paysinger (6-2, 198, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	47	Chris Solomona (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	95	Darius Sanders (6-5, 274, Jr.)
DT	96	Haloti Ngata (6-4, 339, So.)
	98	Nuvraj Bassi (6-6, 290, Jr.)
DT	99	Robby Valenzuela (6-2, 290, Sr.)
	45	Matt Toeania (6-2, 266, So.)
DE	92	Devan Long (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	56	Victor Filipe (6-3, 275, So.)
SLB	84	Anthony Trucks (6-1, 216, So.)
	54	Reggie Kerney (6-2, 210, So.)
MLB	52	Jerry Matson (6-1, 224, Sr.)
	37	Justin Andrews (6-1, 242, Jr.)
WLB	18	Ramone Reed (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	49	Marcus Miller (6-2, 223, Sr.)
CB	7	Rodney Woods (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	9	Ryan Gilliam (6-9, 168, Fr.)
CB	31	Justin Phinisee (5-10, 195, Jr..)
	2	Marques Binns (5-11, 164, Jr.)
FS	28	J.D. Nelson (5-11, 205, So.)
	11	Charles Favroth (5-11, 197, Sr.)
ROV	23	Marley Tucker (6-0, 181, Sr.)
	5	Aaron Gipson (5-8, 179, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	25	Jared Siegel (5-10, 193, Sr.)
	40	Luke Belloti (5-9, 170, Fr.)
P	36	Paul Martinez (6-1, 203, So.)
	93	Drew Larson (6-3, 203, So.)

3 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 Pac-10 *(lost to Minnesota in the Sun Bowl, 31-30)*

Oregon

Eugene, Ore.

Official athletic Web site: www.goducks.com

DUCKS

Ducks could provide Pac-10 wild card this year; talent abounds behind plenty of question marks

There's reason for optimism in Eugene, and not just because Nike's stock price has soared since last summer.

Oregon returns many of the key players from a team that won eight games last season. That should please Ducks fans everywhere and one in particular: Nike boss Phil Knight, whose multi-million dollar donations to the school have made Oregon's facilities some of the best in the country. (Gotta love the two-story locker room with the spiral staircase.)

The Ducks actually played three seasons in 2003. They started 4-0 and upset third-ranked Michigan to earn a spot on the cover of *Sports Illustrated.* They proceeded to lose four of their next five with some of the worst football of coach Mike Bellotti's tenure: 55-16 to Washington State, 59-14 to Arizona State and 42-10 to Washington. Ouch. But the Ducks recovered in time to win their last three and qualify for the Sun Bowl, where they lost to Minnesota on a last-second field goal.

Injuries contributed to the inconsistency, but so did a poor turnover margin (minus-one per game) and erratic play by quarterback Kellen Clemens. The Ducks are basing their hopes for '04, in part, on Clemens' performance at the Sun Bowl, where he completed 32 of 42 passes for 363 yards. For the first time since Joey Harrington wore yellow and green, the Ducks went through spring practice with a clear-cut No. 1 quarterback.

The Ducks also struggled on the ground. Tailback Terrence Whitehead rushed for 737 yards, the lowest total by Oregon's leading rusher since 1996.

Clemens will work behind an offensive line that features all-conference guard Adam Snyder but must replace steady center Dan Weaver. The biggest loss is receiver Samie Parker, who averaged almost six catches per game. The top returnee is Demetrius Williams, but no one will confuse him with Parker.

Oregon can't count on wideout Kyle Weatherspoon because of offseason shoulder surgery. But incoming freshman Cameron Colvin, the top-rated receiver on the West Coast last fall, could make an immediate impact.

The Ducks' defense was better than it appeared in '03. Opponents averaged 26.8 points, but much of that resulted from Oregon's sloppy ball-handling, which constantly put the defense in short-field situations.

Even with a reduction in turnovers, the Ducks will be hard-pressed to improve on that number. They lose three starters on the line, including Igor Olshansky, who left school early for the NFL. The projected anchor, tackle Haloti Ngata, is recovering from a serious knee injury.

Oregon also lost all-league linebacker Kevin Mitchell, who was third in the conference in tackles and served as a coach on the field. The only proven returnee is middle linebacker Jerry Matson.

Defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti, who had hip-replacement surgery over the winter, is facing several potential problems in the secondary, too. All-conference safety Keith Lewis is gone, and projected starting cornerback Steven Moore withdrew from school in the offseason after starting nine games last season. Marley Tucker is the best of the returnees.

Kicker Jared Siegel is back for his final season—it only seems like he's been there for six years—and must improve his field-goal accuracy.

Demetrius Williams, *WR*

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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Autzen Stadium **Capacity:** 54,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Mike Bellotti,** 10th Year **Record:** 75-34 **Career Record:** 98-59-2	**Neal Zoumboukos** (assistant head coach/OL), **Nick Aliotti** (def. coordinator), **Gary Campbell** (RBs), **Andy Ludwig** (off. coordinator), **John Neal** (secondary), **Don Pellum** (LBs), **Robin Ross** (special teams/TEs), **Dan Ferrigno** (WRs), **Steve Greatwood** (DL)

PAC-10

PRESEASON RANK **4**

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-6 Pac-10

Arizona State

Tempe, Ariz.

Official athletic Web site: www.thesundevils.com

SUN DEVILS

Schizophrenic Sun Devils are hard to predict, but Sir Walter is a royal pain for secondaries

If any other team returned its best quarterback, top rusher, most productive receiver, leading tackler and top defensive back, it would be a no-brainer pick for the upper half of the conference. But not Arizona State. Logic seems to wilt in the Tempe heat.

Consider the developments of the past two seasons:

• The Sun Devils were picked ninth in the conference in the 2002 preseason poll, then surprised everyone with eight wins and a third-place finish.

• They returned 16 starters last season and were picked near the top of the conference. Instead, they lost four of their last five and finished tied for eighth.

What's in store for 2004? With most of their playmakers back, the Sun Devils should be one of the league's better teams. If they aren't, boosters might start grumbling about the contract extension coach Dirk Koetter received last summer.

One thing is certain: The Sun Devils will go as quarterback Andrew Walter goes. It's just that no one knows which path the senior will take. He could blossom or he could flail.

A classic pocket passer with a strong arm and deft touch, Walter was terrific in the second half of his sophomore season, then struggled last year as a junior. He threw 24 touchdowns but was sixth in passing efficiency because of a mediocre completion percentage (52.5). Assuming he puts it together in his final season, the Sun Devils shouldn't have much trouble scoring points.

Walter's favorite target, receiver Derek Hagan (66 catches), is back, and the line, anchored by junior Grayling Love, should be solid. The other critical returnee is tailback Loren Wade, who rushed for 70 yards per game as a freshman. If someone emerges as an impact receiver opposite Hagan—keep an eye out for Rudy Burgess—then Walter will have enough options to keep defenses honest.

And give Koetter credit: He isn't relying on personnel alone to boost production. The Sun Devils lost steady fullback Mike Karney, and without a viable replacement they have devalued the position altogether. Instead, they're using either two tight ends or a tight end and an H-back.

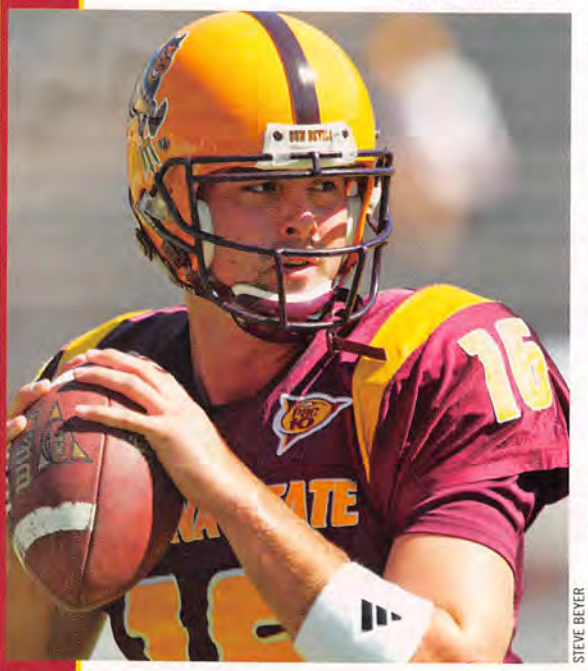
All that is well and good, but the Sun Devils won't contend for a bowl bid unless the defense makes significant improvement. After allowing 404 yards and 27 points last season, ASU has tweaked the system, moving from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3-4 alignment, placing more emphasis on reaction and less on thinking. One possible beneficiary is Matt Fawley, who played the "Devil" back (i.e., rover) in the 4-2-5 alignment. He'll be an outside linebacker in the 4-3-4. The secondary will be led by veteran safety Riccardo Stewart.

The big question is the line. Arizona State allowed 150 rushing yards per game last season and failed to generate a consistent pass rush in Year One, A.T. (After Terrell Suggs).

Then again, the defense doesn't have to dominate or force turnovers at a USC rate. If it simply contains opponents, then the combination of offense and special teams—ASU ranked near the top in most coverage and return categories last season—should be enough for six or seven victories.

Of course, that's what everyone thought last year.

Andrew Walter, *QB*



STEVE BEYER

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	UTEP		
S.11	@NORTHWESTERN		
S.18	Iowa	L	2-21
S.25	Oregon State	L	17-45
O.2	@OREGON	W	59-14
O.16	@USC	L	17-37
O.23	UCLA	L	13-20
O.30	@CALIFORNIA	L	23-51
N.6	Stanford	L	27-38
N.13	Washington State	L	19-34
N.26	@ARIZONA	W	28-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/15

OFFENSE

QB	16	Andrew Walter (6-5, 217, Sr.)
	15	Sam Keller (6-4, 228, So.)
TB	34	Loren Wade (6-0, 212, So.)
	6	Randy Hill (6-2, 208, So.)
H	82	Jamaal Lewis (6-4, 239, So.)
	38	Kellen Mills (6-3, 233, r-Fr.)
LT	72	Chaz White (6-4, 293, Jr.)
	62	Brandon Rodd (6-4, 291, r-Fr.)
LG	71	Grayling Love (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	66	Stephen Berg (6-6, 320, So.)
C	53	Drew Hodgdon (6-3, 293, Sr.)
	76	Robert Gustavis (6-3, 293, r-Fr.)
RG	78	Zach Krula (6-7, 293, So.)
	76	Mike Pollak (6-4, 285, r-Fr.)
RT	68	Andrew Carnahan (6-8, 290, So.)
	79	Julius Orieukwu (6-6, 303, r-Fr.)
TE	83	Lee Burghgraef (6-5, 237, Jr.)
	84	Aaron Austin (6-5, 255, Sr.)
WR	80	Derek Hagan (6-2, 192, Jr.)
	35	Moey Mutz (6-0, 181, Jr.)
WR	17	Terry Richardson (6-1, 179, So.)
	89	Matt Miller (6-1, 167, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Jimmy Verdon (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	50	Kyle Caldwell (6-3, 256, So.)
DT	42	Connor Banks (6-3, 244, Sr.)
	1	Jordan Hill (6-2, 255, So.)
DT	95	Gabe Reininger (6-2, 270, Sr.)
	92	Brett Palmer (6-1, 281, r-Fr.)
DE	49	Ishmael Thrower (6-1, 237, Sr.)
	45	Mike Talbot (6-2, 254, Jr.)
OLB	4	Jamar Williams (6-1, 223, Jr.)
	38	J.W. Lucas (6-4, 205, So.)
MLB	5	Justin Burks (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	56	DeAndre Johnson (6-2, 232, r-Fr.)
OLB	28	Matt Fawley (6-1, 217, Jr.)
	24	Lamar Baker (5-11, 201, Jr.)
CB	26	R.J. Oliver (5-9, 171, Sr.)
	37	Mike Davis Jr. (6-1, 176, Jr.)
CB	8	Chris McKenzie (5-9, 176, Sr.)
	23	Josh Golden (5-10, 173, Jr.)
FS	39	Danel Varvel (6-3, 210, So.)
	2	Maurice London (6-0, 179, Jr.)
SS	7	Riccardo Stewart (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	13	Emmanuel Franklin (5-11, 182, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	20	Jesse Ainsworth (6-3, 210, So.)
P	45	Chris Mcdonald (6-2, 207, r-Fr.)

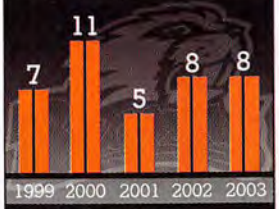
STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Frank Kush Field at Sun Devil Stadium **Capacity:** 73,379 **Turf:** Grass	**Dirk Koetter,** 4th Year **Record:** 17-20 **Career Record:** 43-30	**Tom Osborne** (assistant head coach/TEs/special teams), **Dan Fidler** (safeties), **Mark Carrier** (secondary), **Dan Fidler** (safeties), **Brent Myers** (running game/OL), **Brent Guy** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Mark Helfrich** (passing game coordinator), **Darryl Jackson** (WRs), **Ted Monachino** (DL), **Tom Nordquist** (RBs)

PAC-10

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@LSU		
S.11	@BOISE STATE	W	26-24
S.18	New Mexico		
S.25	@ARIZONA STATE	W	45-17
O.2	California	W	35-21
O.16	@WASHINGTON	L	17-38
O.23	Washington State	L	30-36
O.30	@ARIZONA	W	52-23
N.6	USC	L	28-52
N.13	@STANFORD	W	43-3
N.20	Oregon	L	20-34

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/18

OFFENSIVE

QB	14	Derek Anderson (6-6, 227, Sr.)
	12	Adam Rothenfluh (6-3, 198, Sr.)
TB	29	Dwight Wright (6-9, 196, Sr.)
	33	Ryan Cole (6-0, 226, So.)
LT	61	Adam Koets (6-6, 275, So.)
	68	Jake Pratt, Jr. (6-6, 286, Jr.)
LG	74	Jason Fyda (6-3, 282, Jr.)
	78	Kyle DeVan (6-2, 293, r-Fr.)
C	73	Matt Brock (6-2, 301, Sr.)
	58	Brent Bridges (6-3, 299, Sr.)
RG	55	Kanan Sanchez (6-3, 344, Sr.)
	67	Roy Schuening (6-3, 304, r-Fr.)
RT	65	Doug Nienhuis (6-6, 299, Sr.)
	69	Josh Linehan (6-4, 278, So.)
TE	89	Joe Newton (6-7, 257, So.)
	88	Pat Loney (6-6, 254, Sr.)
WR	28	Mike Hass (6-1, 209, Jr.)
	3	Josh Hawkins (6-0, 186, Jr.)
WR	8	Cole Clasen (5-9, 188, Sr.)
	82	Brandon Powers (6-1, 208, r-Fr.)
FLK	6	George Gillett (6-1, 219, Sr.)
	1	Kevin Swanigan (6-2, 200, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Brandon Scales (6-5, 228, So.)
	27	Joe Lemma (6-5, 248, So.)
DT	97	Ben Siegert (6-4, 266, So.)
	92	Alvin Smith (6-2, 310, Jr.)
DT	95	Henry Anderson (6-3, 288, Jr.)
	93	Derek Hall (6-3, 269, Jr.)
DE	90	Bill Swancutt (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	99	Joe Rudulph (6-5, 218, r-Fr.)
SLB	21	Chaz Scott (6-2, 226, Jr.)
	50	Seth Lacey (6-2, 231, Sr.)
MLB	44	Trent Bray (6-1, 229, Jr.)
	41	Kevin Davidson (6-2, 228, Sr.)
WLB	40	Jonathan Pollard (6-1, 232, Sr.)
	4	Keith Ellison (6-2, 220, Jr.)
CB	8	Aric Williams (6-0, 171, Sr.)
	15	Kellen Marshall (5-10, 179, So.)
CB	39	Brandon Browner (6-4, 193, So.)
	9	Gerard Lawson (5-9, 182, r-Fr.)
FS	5	Mitch Meeuwsen (6-3, 207, Sr.)
	6	Harvey Whiten (6-3, 220, Jr.)
SS	24	Sabby Piscitelli (6-3, 209, So.)
	10	Anthony Wheat-Brown (6-0, 206, r-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	John Dailey (6-1, 205, Jr.)
	13	Alexis Sema (5-7, 154, r-Fr.)
P		Sam Paulescu (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	36	Jon Strowbridge (6-1, 244, r-Fr.)

5 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 Pac-10 *(beat New Mexico in the Las Vegas Bowl, 55-14)*

Oregon State

Corvallis, Ore.

Official athletic Web site: www.osubeavers.com

BEAVERS

Life of Riley more complicated in Corvallis as Beavers find a brand-new set of playmakers

As if replacing Steven Jackson and 11 other starters weren't challenges enough, Oregon State's offseason took on an entirely new meaning when the Beavers rearranged their schedule. Instead of opening at home against Temple, they agreed to visit defending national champion Louisiana State.

Talk about an attention-grabber. The matchup gave added urgency to OSU's preparation. Offensively, the Beavers must replace Jackson, the best running back in the conference, and two other all-league players—receiver James Newson and tight end Tim Euhus.

The defense lost its share of talent, too: all-conference tackle Dwan Edwards, middle linebacker Richard Seigler—one of the top players in the league—and safety Lawrence Turner.

"I'm excited about our returning players; we have a great core of veterans to build around," coach Mike Riley says. "At the same time, we've lost some guys who have been huge in the playmaking area."

The Beavers, who were 8-5 last season and trampled New Mexico in the Las Vegas Bowl, aren't barren in the playmaking department. Their success depends largely on senior quarterback Derek Anderson, a two-year starter with a rocket arm who has frustrated the OSU faithful. Anderson led the league in passing yards per game last season (312.2), but he was only eighth in efficiency because of 24 interceptions.

No, the transition from Dennis Erickson to Riley was not easy for Anderson.

"The transition from one philosophy to another is hardest on the quarterback, and I thought Derek grew into the system as the season played out," Riley says. "Unlike his first year as a starter, where he began fast and then tailed off, he did the exact opposite last year."

But Anderson can't do it alone. He needs senior tailback Dwight Wright to become a consistent threat on the ground. He needs split end Mike Hass, OSU's leading returning receiver, (44 catches) to elevate his game. And he needs tackle Doug Nienhuis to lead a retooled line.

Statistically, the Beavers had the best defense in the conference last season, holding opponents to 289 yards per game. They aren't likely to repeat that performance without Edwards, Seigler and Turner, but plenty of talent returns.

Three starters are back in the secondary, including safety Mitch Meeuwsen and cornerback Brandon Browner, who earned second-team all-conference honors last season as a freshman. Outside linebacker Trent Bray has moved inside to replace Seigler, and end Bill Swancutt anchors the line. He was fifth in the league in sacks (11) and tackles for loss (17.5).

"Bill is the cornerstone of our defense," Riley says. "He's the kind of guy who exemplifies who we want to be. He plays with tremendous passion."

In addition to preparing for LSU and replacing its playmakers, Oregon State faced a third offseason challenge: solving its on-field discipline problems.

The Beavers averaged a whopping 11.6 penalties for 110.2 yards per game last season. Not all were the result of aggressive play. Oregon State had its share of what Riley calls "self-control" penalties.

The Beavers were talented enough to overcome the penalties last season. That won't be the case this year.

Bill Swancutt, *DE*

STEVE BEYER

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Reser Stadium **Capacity:** 35,362 **Turf:** Artificial	**Mike Riley,** 4th Year **Record:** 16-19 **Career Record:** 16-19	**Paul Chryst** (off. coordinator), **Mark Banker** (def. coordinator/safeties), **LeCharles McDaniel** (assistant coach/TEs), **DelVaughn Alexander** (assistant coach/WRs/recruiting coordinator), **Jim Gilstrap** (assistant coach/OL), **Lee Hull** (assistant coach/RBs), **Charlie Camp** (assistant coach/LBs), **Greg Newhouse** (assistant coach/DL), **Nigel Burton** (assistant coach/secondary)

PAC-10

PRESEASON RANK **6**

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 6-2 Pac-10 *(beat Texas in the Holiday Bowl, 28-20)*

Washington State

Pullman, Wash.

COUGARS

PAC-10

Official athletic Web site: www.wsucougars.com

Expect a downturn in remote Pullman—Cougars have too many holes to mount serious challenge

Not many teams win 10 games for three consecutive seasons, especially teams located in one of the most remote regions of the country. But Washington State managed to do just that with 10 wins in 2001, 2002 and 2003, including a Holiday Bowl victory over Texas last December.

Don't count on the Cougars hitting double digits for a fourth consecutive season. Located in Pullman, a few miles from the Idaho border—and hundreds of miles from the nearest major talent pool—they cannot restock the roster fast enough to replace a deep and talented senior class.

The Cougars lost their starting quarterback and tailback, their top receivers, most of their offensive and defensive lines and the majority of their back seven.

The seniors took more than production and experience with them; they also took leadership. Naturally, finding the next wave of leaders was coach Bill Doba's priority in spring practice. Several players emerged to fill the void (tight end Troy Bienemann, tackle Sam Lightbody and center Nick Mihlhauser), but doing it in September is different than doing it in April.

The Cougars also must find a quarterback to replace Matt Kegel and direct WSU's spread offense. The favorite is junior Josh Swogger, who appeared in nine games last season (1 TD, 5 INTs). Alex Brink showed flashes of potential during his redshirt season in '03, but it will take a huge effort in fall camp to unseat Swogger.

Chris Bruhn is the leading candidate to replace second-team all-conference tailback Jonathan Smith, and Allen Thompson, who missed last season with a shoulder injury, is a capable backup. They'll earn every yard they gain.

Although Lightbody and Calvin Armstrong are back at tackle, the guards are new.

Bienemann is one of the top tight ends in the conference, but he'll be the focal point of every defense until the receivers prove themselves. Junior Devard Darling's jump to the NFL created one hole. The Cougars are counting on sophomore Sammy Moore, one of the top punt and kick returners in the league, to become an elite playmaker.

No unit suffered more personnel losses than the defensive line: all-conference end D.D. Acholonu (and his 16.5 sacks), plus run-stopping tackles Jeremey Williams and Tai Tupai. Who takes over? Senior Steve Cook and a handful of players with minimal experience.

The Cougars aren't in much better shape in the back seven. Will Derting moves from the outside to the inside to replace underrated Don Jackson, and the secondary must fill the voids left by two first-team all-league performers, cornerback Jason David and safety Virgil Williams. (Free safety Hamza Abdullah, a projected starter, broke his collarbone in spring practice but should be ready for the opener.)

That's a ton of talent and experience to replace. It explains why the Cougars were so good last season and why they'll struggle to remain in the top half of the conference this fall.

Will Derting, *LB*

JOE ROBBINS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Martin Stadium **Capacity:** 37,600 **Turf:** Artificial	**Bill Doba,** 2nd Year **Record:** 10-3 **Career Record:** 10-3	**Robb Akey** (def. coordinator/DL), **Leon Burtnett** (LBs), **Ken Greene** (DBs), **Mike Walker** (DL), **Mike Levenseller** (off. coordinator/WRs), **Robin Pflugrad** (assistant head coach/TEs/recruiting coordinator), **Timm Rosenbach** (QBs), **Kelly Skipper** (RBs), **George Yarno** (OL)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.3	@NEW MEXICO	W	23-13
S.11	Colorado@	W	47-26
S.18	@IDAHO	W	25-0
S.25	@ARIZONA	W	30-7
O.9	Oregon	W	55-16
O.16	Stanford	W	24-14
O.23	@OREGON STATE	W	36-30
O.30	USC	L	16-43
N.6	@UCLA	W	31-13
N.13	@ARIZONA STATE	W	34-19
N.20	Washington	L	19-27

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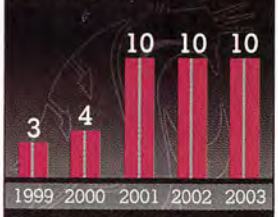
FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 7
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/25

OFFENSE

QB	9	Josh Swogger (6-5, 238, So.)
	8	Chris Hurd (6-2, 213, Jr.)
RB	33	Chris Bruhn (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	38	Allen Thompson (5-10, 205, Jr.)
LT	67	Calvin Armstrong (6-7, 311, Sr.)
	72	Spencer Hollison (6-5, 283, So.)
LG	77	Patrick Afif (6-7, 319, Sr.)
	70	Bobby Byrd (6-7, 281, Fr.)
C	66	Nick Mihlhauser (6-3, 287, Jr.)
	73	Sean O'Connor (6-5, 282, So.)
RG	78	Riley Fitt-Chappell (6-6, 314, Jr.)
	69	Keola Loo (6-1, 285, Sr.)
RT	75	Sam Lightbody (6-9, 319, Sr.)
	55	Charles Harris (6-6, 280, So.)
TE	81	Troy Bienemann (6-5, 252, Jr.)
	47	Jesse Taylor (6-3, 250, So.)
WR	86	Tramaine Murray (5-10, 172, Jr.)
	36	Jevon Miller (6-0, 190, Jr.)
WR	6	Marty Martin (5-10, 182, Jr.)
	89	Scott Selby (6-4, 220, Fr.)
FLK	88	Trandon Harvey (5-11, 187, Sr.)
	87	Thomas Ostrander (6-1, 205, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Mkristo Bruce (6-5, 249, So.)
	59	Reyshawn Bobo (6-2, 196, Fr.)
DT	99	Steve Cook (6-3, 293, Sr.)
	92	Ropati Pitoitua (6-7, 285, Fr.)
DT	19	OdellL Howard (6-3, 272, So.)
	40	Aaron Johnson (6-6, 283, Fr.)
DE	13	Adam Braidwood (6-5, 264, Jr.)
	58	Matt Mullenix (6-5, 235, Fr.)
SLB	42	Scott Davis (5-11, 225, So.)
	43	Brian Hall (6-2, 243, So.)
MLB	51	Will Derting (6-0, 237, Jr.)
	54	Paul Stevens (6-2, 252, Fr.)
WLB	46	Pat Bennett (6-0, 229, Sr.)
	49	Steve Dildine (6-1, 212, So.)
CB	15	Karl Paymah (6-0, 198, Sr.)
	32	Omowale Dada (5-10, 195, Jr.)
CB	25	Don Turner (6-0, 177, So.)
	21	Alex Teems (5-11, 181, Jr.)
FS	28	Hamza Abdullah (6-3, 209, Sr.)
	41	Aaron Joseph (6-2, 200, Jr.)
SS	26	Jeremy Bohannon (5-10, 203, Sr.)
	37	Eric Frampton (5-11, 198, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	18	Graham Siderius (6-1, 196, Jr.)
P	8	Kyle Basler (6-3, 235, Jr.)
	18	Graham Siderius (6-1, 196, Jr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	Fresno State		
S.18	UCLA	L	16-46
S.25	@NOTRE DAME		
O.2	@STANFORD	W	28-17
O.9	San Jose State		
O.16	Oregon State	W	38-17
O.23	@USC	L	23-43
O.30	@OREGON	W	42-10
N.6	Arizona	L	22-27
N.13	California	L	7-54
N.20	@WASHINGTON STATE	W	27-19

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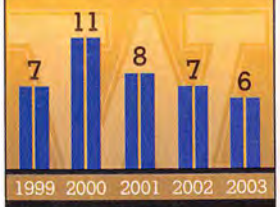


DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/23

OFFENSE

QB	15	Casey Paus (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	4	Isaiah Stanback (6-3, 205, So.)
FB	5	Zach Tuiasosopo (6-2, 250, Sr.)
	25	James Sims, Jr. (6-1, 205, Jr.)
TB	8	Kenny James (5-10, 215, So.)
	7	Shelton Sampson (5-11, 200, So.)
LT	65	Khalif Barnes (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	75	Chad Macklin (6-8, 285, r-Fr.)
LG	63	Clay Walker (6-4, 290, So.)
	61	Tusi Sa'au (6-2, 310, Jr.)
C	50	Brad Vanneman (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	63	Clay Walker (6-4, 290, So.)
RG	68	Rob Meadow (6-6, 300, Jr.)
	74	Stanley Daniels (6-4, 305, So.)
RT	79	Ryan Brooks (6-6, 300, Sr.)
	77	Graham Lasee (6-5, 270, Jr.)
TE	83	Joe Toledo (6-6, 285, Jr.)
	82	Jon Lyon (6-6, 260, Sr.)
WR	18	Corey Williams (6-1, 195, So.)
	19	Quintin Daniels (6-0, 205, So.)
FL	10	Charles Frederick (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	13	Charles Smith (6-0, 190, r-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	56	Manase Hopoi (6-4, 280, Sr.)
	97	Mike Mapu (6-3, 260, Jr.)
DT	91	Donny Mateaki (6-5, 275, So.)
	95	Jordan Reffett (6-6, 285, r-Fr.)
DT	84	Casey Tyler (6-6, 290, r-Fr.)
	98	Dan Milsten (6-5, 290, So.)
DE	22	Ty Eriks (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	41	Brandon Ala (6-3, 250, So.)
LB	35	Tim Galloway (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	53	Joe Lobendahn (5-10, 230, Jr.)
LB	4	Scott White (6-1, 230, So.)
	38	Durrell Moss (6-1, 210, r-Fr.)
LB	27	Evan Benjamin (6-0, 210, Jr.)
	47	Tahj Bomar (6-2, 220, So.)
CB	21	Derrick Johnson (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	6	Matt Fountaine (5-11, 185, So.)
CB	5	Sam Cunningham (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	9	Dre Simpson (6-1, 200, So.)
FS	26	Jimmy Newell (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	25	James Sims, Jr. (6-1, 200, So.)
SS	27	Evan Benjamin (6-0, 195, So.)
	8	Dashon Goldson (6-1, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	10	Evan Knudson (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	14	Michael Braunstein (5-6, 180, r-Fr.)
P	17	Sean Douglas (6-1, 215, So.)
	10	Evan Knudson (6-0, 185, Jr.)

7 Washington

PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 6-6 overall, 4-4 Pac-10

Seattle, Wash.

Official athletic Web site: www.gohuskies.com

HUSKIES

Off-field distractions still hinder Huskies, but offense may give Paus to new possibilities

The good news for Washington is that things can't get much worse—unless coach Keith Gilbertson gets fired this summer for violating NCAA rules.

That fate swallowed Rick Neuheisel a year ago, prompting Gilbertson to take over a reeling program that never regained its balance. The Huskies ended 6-6, their worst record in five years, lost at home to Nevada—the sports-talk shows had a field day with that one—and failed to make a bowl game.

"There's a huge period of adjustment when that kind of change is made," Gilbertson says. "The transition was not easy. It was hard for a lot of people."

There's no guarantee the Huskies will win more games this fall, only that things won't be as turbulent. With just six offensive starters returning, a difficult schedule and four new assistant coaches, Washington will have a tough time returning to its customary spot in the upper half of the conference. The coaches were concerned enough over the winter to show videotape of the glory years of the early 1990s, when the Huskies combined superior talent with flawless execution.

The biggest hole for this team is quarterback, where three players will attempt to replace the prolific Cody Pickett (253.6 yards passing per game last season).

The best bet is junior Casey Paus, who came off the bench to lead Washington to 35 points in a 42-10 win against Oregon. He's a classic drop-back passer with a good arm and limited mobility. Sophomore Isaiah Stanback is a gifted runner—Gilbertson has hinted that the option might become a regular part of the offense—and redshirt freshman Carl Bonnell is a combination of Paus and Stanback. There's a fourth option: incoming freshman Matt Tuiasosopo, brother of you-know-who.

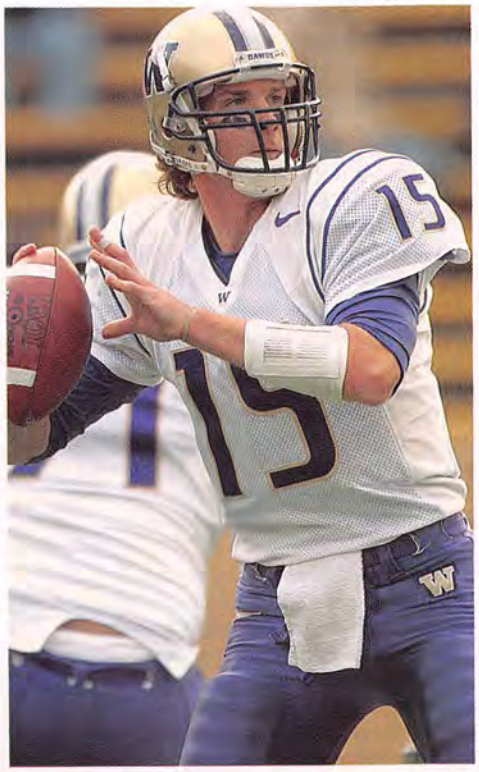
But quarterback isn't the only unknown. In fact, the Huskies have more holes than at anytime since Neuheisel replaced Jim Lambright in the late '90s. The offensive line, which lost Nick Newton, Owen Biddle and Todd Bachert, must be rebuilt. There's no proven tailback, which is major cause for concern on an offense that averaged just 3.1 yards per rush last season. And the Huskies must replace Reggie Williams, one of the best receivers in school history. Junior Charles Frederick averaged five catches per game last season, but he's no Williams.

There are just as many holes on defense. From a unit that allowed 152 rushing yards per game, the Huskies lost all-league tackle Terry Johnson, dependable tackle Jerome Stevens and veteran linebacker Greg Carothers.

The best of the returnees is cornerback Derrick Johnson. To secure the interior, veteran end Manase Hopoi may be moved to tackle. Otherwise, the Huskies are relying on a handful of players—Dan Milsten, Brandon Ala, to name two—who haven't proven themselves.

They won't have to wait long for the opportunity. Washington opens against always-dangerous Fresno State, then hosts UCLA and travels to Notre Dame in late September. Under the shadow of the Golden Dome, the Huskies should learn what kind of team they'll have, and what kind of season it will be.

Casey Paus, *QB*



TOMASSO DEROSA

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Husky Stadium **Capacity:** 72,500 **Turf:** Artificial	**Keith Gilbertson,** 2nd Year **Record:** 6-6 **Career Record:** 54-43	**Jimmy Lake** (assistant coach/CBs), **Cornell Jackson** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Phil Snow** (co-def. coordinator/safeties), **Charlie Dickey** (OL), **Steve Axman** (WRs), **Scott Pelluer** (special teams/TEs), **Tim Hundley** (co-def. coordinator/LBs), **Randy Hart** (DL), **John Pettas** (QBs)

PAC-10

PRESEASON RANK **8**

2003 Record: 6-7 overall, 4-4 Pac-10 *(lost to Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic, 17-9)*

UCLA

Los Angeles, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.uclabruins.com

BRUINS

Holy, Toledo! Could the Bruins' best days actually be a few years behind them?

UCLA fired Bob Toledo after the 2002 season because it wanted to contend for the conference title and close the gap with cross-town rival USC. But Toledo's replacement, Karl Dorrell, took the program in the opposite direction in his first season.

After a 6-2 start, the Bruins collapsed. They lost their final five games, finished fifth in the conference and were embarrassed by USC, 47-22. To add insult to ineptitude, the Bruins recruited poorly and watched several key players transfer or leave for the NFL.

In other words, Dorrell, who had no previous head-coaching experience, provided no evidence that he would gain ground on the Trojans or improve on the Toledo era.

And it could get worse before it gets better. The Bruins lost quarterback Matt Moore (transfer), tailback Tyler Ebell (transfer) and cornerback Matt Ware (NFL), along with three top-notch seniors: defensive end Dave Ball, who was the league's best pass rusher, plus run-stopping tackle Rodney Leisle and ubiquitous linebacker Brandon Chillar.

What's left?

After splitting time with Moore for two seasons, Drew Olson takes over as the No. 1 quarterback. All he did last year was throw nearly one interception for every touchdown. And if Olson struggles—or gets injured—the Bruins are in huge trouble. The backup quarterbacks are junior-college transfer David Koral and walk-on Brian Callahan, son of former Oakland Raiders/new Nebraska coach Bill Callahan.

Olson will throw behind a solid line—all five starters are back—and he has two talented receivers in Craig Bragg and Junior Taylor. Tailback Maurice Drew, from national prep power Concord De La Salle of California, made an immediate impact last season as a freshman.

But the Bruins' production (19.1 points per game) won't improve without better organization, execution and imagination. In a pass-happy league, only Arizona and Stanford were more predictable, and more inept.

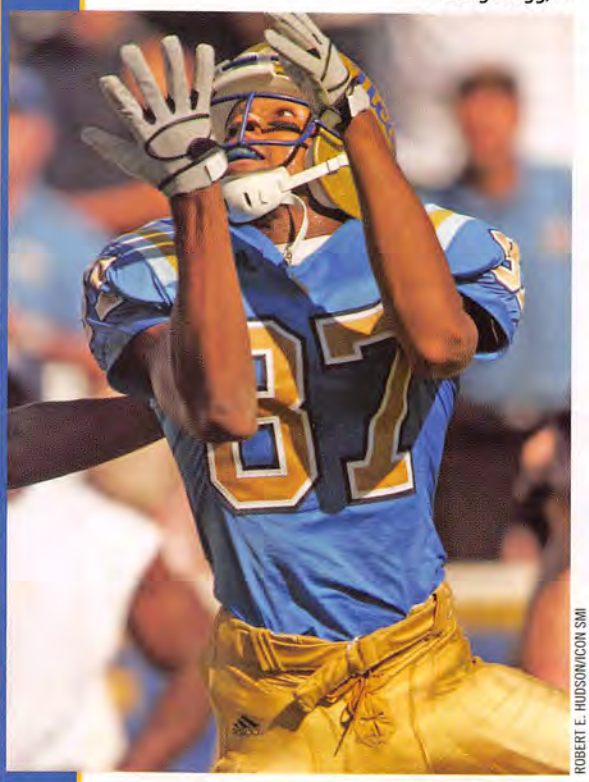
To turn his attack around, Dorrell hired Idaho coach Tom Cable as the offensive coordinator and line coach. He spent the spring working on the basics, but UCLA won't have much time to adjust to Cable's playbook. It opens the season with Oklahoma State, then visits Illinois.

"We've made some changes that we feel will allow us to make tremendous strides," Dorrell says. "I'm confident that with the new coaches—and the fact that our players have a year experience in the system—that will allow us to be more productive."

The Cowboys, for sure, will test a defense that ranked first in the conference against the pass. But the Bruins lost Ware, one of those rare cornerbacks who could shut down half the field, and Nnamdi Ohaeri is out for the season with a knee injury.

Safety Jarrad Page and cornerback Ben Emanuel aren't a bad twosome to build the secondary around, and veteran linebackers Spencer Havner and Justin London should help compensate for Chillar's departure. But without a consistent pass rush in the post-Ball era, and without someone to replace Leisle in the middle, the back seven will be exposed.

Craig Bragg, *FL*



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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Rose Bowl **Capacity:** 91,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Karl Dorrell,** 2nd Year **Record:** 6-7 **Career Record:** 6-7	**Tom Cable** (off. coordinator/OL), **Larry Kerr** (def. coordinator/ILBs), **Jon Embree** (assistant head coach/TEs), **Dino Babers** (WRs), **Eric Bieniemy** (RBs), **Gary DeLoach** (secondary), **Don Johnson** (DL/recruiting coordinator), **Brian Schneider** (OLBs/nickel backs/special teams), **Jim Svoboda** (QBs)

PAC-10

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 4	Oklahoma State		
S. 11	@ILLINOIS	W	6-3
S. 18	@WASHINGTON	W	46-16
O. 2	San Diego State	W	20-10
O. 9	Arizona	W	24-21
O. 16	@CALIFORNIA	W	23-20 (OT)
O. 23	@ARIZONA STATE	W	20-13
O. 30	Stanford	L	14-21
N. 6	Washington State	L	13-31
N. 13	@OREGON	L	13-31
N. 20	USC	L	22-47

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 36/23

OFFENSE

QB	14	Drew Olson (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	7	David Koral (6-3, 220, Jr.)
FB	47	Pat Norton (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	48	Jimmy Stephens (6-2, 230, Fr.)
TB	21	Maurice Drew (5-8, 200, So.)
	29	Manuel White (6-2, 245, Sr.)
LT	76	Steven Vieira (6-6, 300, Sr.)
	72	Jamaal Rhodes (6-3, 310, Fr.)
LG	64	Eyoseph Efseaff (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	67	P.J. Irvin (6-4, 300, Fr.)
C	59	Mike McCloskey (6-5, 285, Jr.)
	54	Robert Chai (6-3, 280, So.)
RG	74	Paul Mociler (6-6, 300, Sr.)
	78	Marc Villafuerte (6-3, 300, So.)
RT	73	Ed Blanton (6-9, 340, Jr.)
	75	Robert Cleary (6-7, 305, Jr.)
TE	19	Marcedes Lewis (6-6, 250, Jr.)
	81	J.J. Hair (6-5, 245, So.)
SE	26	Joe Cowan (6-4, 205, So.)
	1	Idris Moss (5-11, 175, So.)
FL	87	Craig Bragg (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	8	Junior Taylor (6-1, 205, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Kevin Harbour (6-4, 260, So.)
	44	Bruce Davis (6-3, 240, Fr.)
DT	75	Kevin Brown (6-2, 290, So.)
	1	Junior Lemau'u (6-3, 270, So.)
DT	97	C.J. Niusulu (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	93	Robert Garcia (5-11, 275, So.)
DE	98	Kyle Morgan (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	96	Nikola Dragovic (6-3, 245, Fr.)
LB	40	Wesley Walker (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	48	William Snead (6-4, 230, Fr.)
LB	9	Justin London (6-1, 235, Jr.)
	33	Tim Warfield (6-2, 240, Sr.)
LB	41	Spencer Havner (6-4, 240, Jr.)
	31	Benjamin Lorier (5-11, 220, Sr.)
CB	6	Matt Clark (5-9, 190, Sr.)
	19	Trey Brown (5-10, 195, Fr.)
CB	15	Marcus Cassel (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	10	Mil'Von James (6-0, 200, So.)
FS	24	Ben Emanuel II (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	22	Dennis Keyes (6-1, 195, Fr.)
SS	4	Jarrad Page (6-2, 215, Jr.)
	36	Eric McNeal (6-2, 215, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	7	Justin Medlock (6-0, 195, So.)
	35	Kevin Gamarnik (6-0, 165, Fr.)
P	39	Chris Kluwe (6-5, 215, Sr.)

Stanford, Calif. PRESEASON RANK 9

Stanford CARDINAL

2003 Record: 4-7 overall, 2-6 Pac-10

Official athletic Web site: www.gostanford.com

Wasn't it just three years ago that Stanford was winning nine games, scoring close to 40 points every Saturday and contending for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series? For frustrated Cardinal fans, the Tyrone Willingham era is a distant memory—fogged over by the inept offense, porous defense and mounting losses of the Buddy Teevens era.

In two seasons, Teevens is 6-16 with two lopsided losses to Cal. Stanford fans can accept losing as long as defeat comes airmailed in a 35-30 package. But Teevens and his staff have not proven they can design, install and coach effective offensive football. Stanford won two games and averaged just 20.5 points per game in Teevens' first season, then followed up with four wins and an average of 16.9 points per game last year.

If the Cardinal doesn't make dramatic improvement this fall, Teevens' job could be in jeopardy. Problem is, there are no proven playmakers. Gone are the best receiver (Luke Powell), the top tight end (Brett Pierce), both starting tackles and quarterback Chris Lewis.

Redshirt sophomore QB Trent Edwards has just four career starts. He'll be working for his third offensive coordinator in three years, Bill Cubit. His offensive line is stocked with sophomores, and the top returning receiver is sophomore Mark Bradford, who caught all of 37 passes last season. The only reason for optimism—and it's a small one—is the return of tailbacks Kenneth Tolon and J.R. Lemon.

In theory, Stanford won't need to score 30 points to stay competitive. Nine starters return to a defense that performed as well as could be expected given the horrendous field position it encountered each game.

The secondary, led by all-conference safety Oshiomogho Atogwe, returns intact. The linebacking corps is solid, especially if Michael Craven returns from academic suspension. The line must replace tackle Amon Gordon and end Louis Hobson.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Stanford Stadium
Capacity: 85,500
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Buddy Teevens, 3rd Year
Record: 6-16
Career Record: 50-85-1

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	San Jose State	W	31-10
S.18	Brigham Young	W	18-14
S.25	USC	L	21-44
O.2	Washington	L	17-28
O.9	@NOTRE DAME	L	7-57
O.16	@WASHINGTON STATE	L	14-24
O.23	Oregon	L	0-35
O.30	@UCLA	W	21-14
N.6	@ARIZONA STATE	W	38-27
N.13	Oregon State	L	3-43
N.20	@CALIFORNIA	L	16-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/15

OFFENSE

QB	5	Trent Edwards (6-4, 210, So.)
FB	34	Kris Bonifas (6-1, 230, Jr.)
RB	26	Kenneth Tolon (6-1, 190, Sr.)
LT	78	Jon Cochran (6-6, 290, So.)
LG	68	Ismail Simpson (6-5, 300, So.)
C	71	Brian Head (6-4, 290, Jr.)
RG	59	Josiah Vinson (6-4, 310, So.)
RT	70	Jeff Edwards (6-7, 265, So.)
TE	81	Alex Smith (6-5, 245, Sr.)
WR	4	Mark Bradford (6-2, 190, So.)
FL	23	Greg Camarillo (6-2, 195, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	37	Jon Alston (6-1, 210, Jr.)
DT	92	Casey Carroll (6-2, 280, Jr.)
NT	96	Babatunde Oshinowo (6-2, 310, Jr.)
DE	85	Will Svitek (6-7, 270, Sr.)
LB	17	Jared Newberry (6-2, 235, Sr.)
LB	48	David Bergeron (6-4, 245, Sr.)
LB	47	Kevin Schimmelmann (6-3, 215, Jr.)
CB	2	Stanley Wilson (6-0, 184, Sr.)
CB	29	Leigh Torrence (6-0, 177, Sr.)
FS	21	Oshiomogho Atogwe (5-11, 198, Sr.)
SS	24	Trevor Hooper (6-1, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	15	Michael Sgroi (5-11, 200, Jr.)
P	27	Jay Ottovegio (6-0, 190, r-Fr.)

Tucson, Ariz. PRESEASON RANK 10

Arizona WILDCATS

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 Pac-10

Official athletic Web site: www.arizonaathletics.com

Much has been made about the bloodlines of Arizona's new coach, Mike Stoops. He comes from a football family. His brother is Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops. Another brother, Mark, is the Wildcats' new defensive coordinator. If there is a first family of college football, the Stoopses might be it.

But the most important thing about Mike Stoops is not who he is, it's who he is not. He is not John Mackovic, and that alone should give him instant credibility in the locker room and the community.

Mackovic alienated his staff and players alike with an impersonal—some would say arrogant—approach. He compounded the problems by putting a losing product on the field. The Wildcats were 6-18 in two seasons under Mackovic and, worse, they weren't even competitive in many losses.

Desperate for new direction, the players took to Stoops immediately. The offseason was productive both physically and psychologically: On the first day of spring practice, the entire team was on the field, waiting for the whistle, 30 minutes early.

Most of the roster returns, including tailback Mike Bell, a second-team all-conference pick last season. But the key is the development of sophomore quarterback Kris Heavner. How will he adjust to offensive coordinator Mike Canales' system? Then again, if receivers Biren Ealy and Ricky Williams don't improve their route-running and catching, it won't matter who's throwing the ball.

Eight starters return to a defense that ranked last in the conference in points (35.8) and yards (460) allowed per game. It won't be easy to fill the voids left by linebacker Joe Siofele and cornerback Michael Jolivette.

No one is expecting Stoops to turn Arizona into a bowl team overnight. Mackovic left too big a mess, and the talent simply isn't there. But the Wildcats should be tougher, better organized and more competitive. And opening the season with four consecutive home games won't hurt, either.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Arizona Stadium
Capacity: 56,197
Turf: Grass

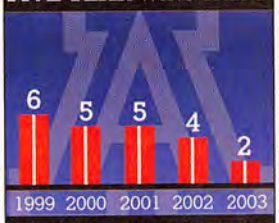
HEAD COACH:

Mike Stoops, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Northern Arizona		
S.11	Utah		
S.18	Wisconsin		
S.25	Washington State	L	7-30
O.9	@UCLA	L	21-24
O.16	@OREGON	L	10-48
O.23	California	L	14-42
O.30	Oregon State	L	23-52
N.6	@WASHINGTON	W	27-22
N.13	@USC	L	0-45
N.26	Arizona State	L	7-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/19

OFFENSE

QB	12	Kris Heavner (6-2, 230, So.)
FB	48	Pedro Limon (6-0, 244, Fr.)
TB	11	Mike Bell (6-1, 218, Jr.)
LT	59	Chris Johnson (6-3, 310, Sr.)
LG	69	John Abramo (6-4, 294, Jr.)
C	67	Keoki Fraser (6-3, 295, Sr.)
RG	66	Kili Lefotu (6-5, 320, Jr.)
RT	76	Peter Graniello (6-7, 293, Fr.)
TE	87	Steve Fleming (6-6, 256, Sr.)
WR	82	Biren Ealy (6-3, 194, Jr.)
FL	2	Ricky Williams (6-2, 211, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Marcus Smith (6-5, 249, Jr.)
NT	92	Carlos Williams (6-4, 206, Sr.)
DT	94	Paul Philipp (6-3, 278, So.)
DE	56	Andre Torrey (6-4, 245, Sr.)
SLB	39	Dane Krogstad (6-1, 226, Fr.)
MLB	32	Randy Sims (5-11, 225, Jr.)
WLB	35	Sean Jones (5-11, 230, Jr.)
CB	3	Wilrey Fontenot (5-9, 170, Fr.)
CB	21	Kiel McDonald (5-10, 188, Jr.)
FS	30	Toni Wingate (6-1, 204, Sr.)
SS	19	Lamont Means (6-3, 210, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Nick Folk (6-2, 206, So.)
P	43	Danny Baugher (5-10, 195, Jr.)

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
EAST	▶p.81	▶p.82	▶p.83	▶p.84	▶p.85	▶p.85
WEST	▶p.86	▶p.87	▶p.88	▶p.89	▶p.90	▶p.90

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Xavier Carter**, LSU
Best hands: **Reggie Brown**, WR, Georgia
Best passing QB: **Chris Leak**, Florida
Best option QB: **Michael Spurlock**, Ole Miss
Most elusive RB: **Justin Vincent**, LSU
Best instincts: **Channing Crowder**, LB, Florida
Best athlete: **Marcus Spears**, DE, LSU
Best under pressure: **David Pollack**, DE, Georgia
Top NFL prospect: **Carnell Williams**, RB, Auburn
Top impact freshman: **Danny Ware**, RB, Georgia
Hardest hitter: **Thomas Davis**, FS, Georgia
Biggest underachiever: **Jabari Davis**, RB, Tennessee

Rating the coaches

Best recruiter: **Rodney Garner**, Georgia
Best strategist: **Jimbo Fisher**, LSU
Coach on the spot: **Ron Zook**, Florida

Don't be surprised if ...

There isn't much pressure on Arkansas coach Houston Nutt if the Razorbacks have a losing season. Six straight bowl appearances have bought him at least one bad year.

One man's opinion

"Georgia fans expect them to win and win big. Mark Richt understands that and will be able to deal with the expectations."

—an SEC assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. LSU
Arguably the nation's best class, led by WR Early Doucet.
2. Florida
There is quality everywhere, led by TE Tate Casey and DL Derrick Harvey.
3. Georgia
A top-10 class, but it only gets you this high in the SEC.
4. Tennessee
Fullback David Holbert could be a starter this fall.
5. Alabama
Mike Shula signed 27, though he can only put 19 on scholarship.
6. Ole Miss
The Rebels went heavy on defense, led by Corey Mills, one of the South's top pass rushers.
7. Auburn
The aborted coup against Tommy Tuberville cost the Tigers with some Alabama recruits.
8. Arkansas
The Razorbacks went to Georgia to sign all-state QB Alex Mortensen, son of ESPN NFL analyst Chris Mortensen.
9. South Carolina
This class would be closer to the top in a lot of other leagues.
10. Kentucky
Thirty-two signees, including five junior-college players, make this a class long on quantity if not top-quality.
11. Mississippi State
The Bulldogs finished well with players like Corey Spells, one of the South's best defensive backs.
12. Vanderbilt
Pulled in some quality athletes like DB Josh Allen and QB Chris Nickson, but no recruits in the Top 100.

Official conference Web site: www.secsports.com

Defense for LSU and offense for Georgia will have Tigers, Dawgs meeting in Atlanta

By Scott Rabalais
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

In the SEC West, democracy rules. Every team has won or shared first place since division play began in 1992, and all but Ole Miss have reached the SEC Championship Game.

If you think because of last year's BCS national championship that the rest of the SEC West is ready to fall in line behind LSU the way the East used to file behind Florida, think again. LSU is still the best-equipped team to make a run at Atlanta in terms of ability, experience and confidence. But Auburn still has in place much of the talent that made it a preseason national-title contender in 2003. Ole Miss missed making it to the SEC title game by a field goal or two, but even without Eli Manning it hasn't fallen off as much as one would think.

In the SEC East, there is just no getting past the power triangle of Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. Those three have dictated terms in the division for a dozen years—and sorry South Carolina, Kentucky and Vanderbilt, they don't show any signs of moving out of the way now.

Especially not Georgia. The Bulldogs are 24-4 the last two seasons, have twice won the SEC East and are without question the team to beat again. Yet, even the Dawgs have their nemesis—the Florida Gators. Florida suffered lots of losses because of graduation, as did Tennessee, but the Gators and Volunteers will never be far from the top in the East.

The top of the division must seem a far-off place for USC, UK and Vandy. The Gamecocks are trying to fend off a third straight losing season, the Wildcats are trying to find an offense, and the Commodores are trying to see how far 21 returning starters can take them.

Once again, though, it won't carry them to Atlanta.

Meanwhile, in the Western Division's second division, Alabama has modest bowl potential, Arkansas was decimated by graduation and early NFL entries (missing a bowl for the first time in seven years is a possibility), and Mississippi State made history by hiring Sylvester Croom as its head coach. It would be unfair to expect miracles from any of them in 2004.

Games to watch

LSU at Auburn, Sept. 18
Three of the last four years the winner of this one has played in the SEC Championship Game.

LSU at Georgia, Oct. 2
A likely preview of the Dec. 4 title game. Shouldn't these two just schedule each other twice a year and be done with it?

Georgia vs. Florida (at Jacksonville), Oct. 30
Georgia can win the East and still lose this game, but probably not the national title.

Street & Smith's ALL-SEC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**David Greene**, Sr., Georgia
RB—**Cedric Houston**, Sr., Tennessee
RB—**Carnell Williams**, Sr., Auburn
OL—**Max Jean-Gilles**, Jr., Georgia
OL—**Mike Degory**, Jr., Florida
OL—**Andrew Whitworth**, Jr., LSU
OL—**Ben Wilkerson**, Sr., LSU
TE—**Cooper Wallace**, Jr., Auburn
WR—**Fred Gibson**, Sr., Georgia
WR—**Skyler Green**, Jr., LSU
OL—**Wesley Britt**, Sr., Alabama
PK—**Jonathan Nichols**, Sr., Ole Miss

DEFENSE

DL—**Vincent Burns**, Sr., Kentucky
DL—**Parys Haralson**, Jr., Tennessee
DL—**David Pollack**, Sr., Georgia
DL—**Marcus Spears**, Sr., LSU
LB—**Channing Crowder**, So., Florida
LB—**DeMeco Ryans**, Jr., Alabama
LB—**Lionel Turner**, Sr., LSU
DB—**Thomas Davis**, Jr., Georgia
DB—**Charlie Peprah**, Jr., Alabama
DB—**Carlos Rogers**, Sr., Auburn
DB—**Corey Webster**, Sr., LSU
P—**Dustin Colquitt**, Sr., Tennessee

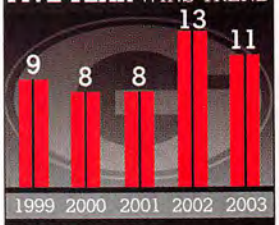
GLENN DANFORTH
Channing Crowder, LB

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Georgia Southern		
S.11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	31-7
S.18	Marshall		
O.2	LSU	L	13-34
O.9	Tennessee	W	41-14
O.16	Vanderbilt	W	27-8
O.23	@ARKANSAS		
O.30	Florida@	L	13-16
N.6	@KENTUCKY	W	30-10
N.13	@AUBURN	W	26-7
N.27	Georgia Tech	W	34-17

@ At Jacksonville, FL

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/16

OFFENSE

QB	14	David Greene (6-3, 230, Sr.)
	3	D.J. Shockley (6-1, 194, Jr.)
FB	41	Jeremy Thomas (5-11, 238, Sr.)
	36	Des Williams (6-1, 245, So.)
TB	6	Kregg Lumpkin (6-1, 211, So.)
	5	Michael Cooper (5-11, 215 r-So.)
LT	66	Dennis Roland (6-9, 317, Jr.)
	72	Daniel Inman (6-7, 321, r-So.)
LG	70	Nick Jones (6-3, 272, So.)
	61	Michael Turner (6-4, 287, r-So.)
C	50	Russ Tanner (6-4, 290, Jr.)
	65	Randall Swoopes (6-2, 300, r-So.)
RG	75	Fernando Velasco (6-4, 327, So.)
	78	Darrius Swain (6-2, 318, Jr.)
RT	74	Max Jean-Gilles (6-4, 340, Jr.)
	71	James Lee (6-5, 280, RFr.)
TE	87	Martrez Milner (6-4, 249, r-So.)
	81	Leonard Pope (6-7, 250, So.)
SE	1	Reggie Brown (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	16	Bryan McClendon (5-11, 180, Jr.)
FL	82	Fred Gibson (6-4, 196, Sr.)
	4	Sean Bailey (6-1, 170, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	58	Will Thompson (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	94	Quentin Moses (6-5, 249, r-So.)
DT	97	Kedric Golston (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	90	Ray Gant (6-2, 268, r-So.)
NT	92	Gerald Anderson (6-2, 318, Jr.)
	68	Darrell Holmes (6-2, 280, Jr.)
DE	47	David Pollack (6-3, 276, Sr.)
	44	Marcus Jackson (6-2, 261, r-So.)
SAM	46	Arnold Harrison (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	42	Danny Verdun Wheeler (6-2, 235, So.)
MKE	33	Odell Thurman (6-1, 230, Jr.)
	45	Jarvis Jackson (6-2, 208, So.)
WIL	53	Derrick White (6-2, 233, Jr.)
	48	Dana Graydon (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)
CB	2	DeMario Minter (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	29	Thomas Flowers (5-10, 183, r-Fr.)
CB	23	Tim Jennings (5-8, 172, Jr.)
	26	Mike Gilliam (5-7, 180, Jr.)
FS	10	Thomas Davis (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	39	Olaolu Sanni-Osomo (6-1, 211, r-So.)
ROV	17	Greg Blue (6-2, 208, Jr.)
	11	Tra Battle (5-11, 170, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	93	Andy Bailey (6-2, 214, r-Fr.)
P	95	Gordon Ely-Kelso (6-2, 227, r-So.)
	49	Lee Jackson (5-9, 179, Jr.)

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PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 11-3 overall, 6-2 SEC *(beat Purdue in the Capital One Bowl, 34-27, OT)*

Georgia

Athens, Ga.

Official athletic Web site: www.georgiadogs.com

BULLDOGS

This could be the season that Dawgs really have their day

LSU didn't have to deal with it last year, but Auburn did. Now Georgia is in the same spot, loaded down with the burden of enormous preseason expectations.

Georgia has gone 32-8 in coach Mark Richt's three seasons, with an SEC title, but the talk in Bulldog country is that this is his best team yet. With 16 starters returning, including 10 on offense, it's hard to keep the excitement from leaping off the charts.

Yet Richt, drawing on his experience as offensive coordinator at perennial power Florida State and perhaps Auburn's stumbles last year, focused on heading off any indication of complacency or manifest destiny this season. If Georgia is to be the team so many observers think it can be, and play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl, it will have to work for it.

"It's time to reset our goals," Richt says. "There's a chance you can go through the motions as a staff and a team. I want to make sure that doesn't happen."

Still, it will be difficult not to be overconfident. Georgia returns 99 percent of its production at quarterback (3,395 of 3,435 yards), 85 percent at running back (1,604 of 1,889) and 64 percent at wide receiver, (2,204 of 3,435).

Orchestrating the whole ensemble is senior quarterback David Greene, second on Georgia's career passing list with 9,020 yards and 52 touchdowns. Backup D.J. Shockley returns after missing eight games with a knee injury.

For the first time since 1972, Georgia didn't have a running back gain 100 yards in a game last year. But there is talent in Michael Cooper (673 yards, 6 TDs), Kregg Lumpkin (523, 6) and Tyson Browning (286 yards rushing, 258 receiving). Greene will be throwing to a receiver corps led by seniors Reggie Brown (662 yards, 3 TDs) and oft-injured Fred Gibson (553, 3).

The Bulldogs will work behind a seasoned and beefy line, led by 6-4, 340-pound Max Jean-Gilles. Martrez Milner and Leonard Pope are likely replacements for departed tight end Ben Watson.

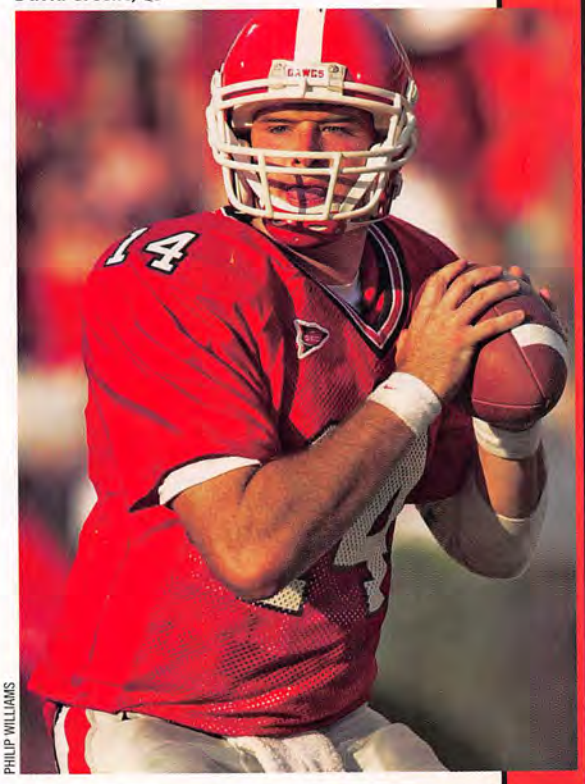
When defensive end David Pollack decided the NFL could wait and returned for his senior season, the Georgia defense got an enormous boost. Pollack, who needs just six sacks to break the school's career record, can join Herschel Walker as the only three-time All-Americans in Georgia history.

The Bulldogs' other end is in good hands with Will Thompson, but UGA is dangerously thin at tackle behind starters Gerald Anderson and Kedric Golston.

While Pollack's return was a big lift, the loss of linebacker Tony Taylor in the spring to a knee injury nearly canceled it out. That leaves All-SEC selection Odell Thurman and Arnold Harrison as the only veterans, with Derrick White likely to be Taylor's replacement.

The secondary lost All-American Sean Jones and two other starters, but second-team All-American Thomas Davis is back. Kicking is a concern with no one stepping up forcefully in the spring to replace all-time SEC scoring leader Billy Bennett. Gordon Ely-Kelso was merely adequate last season, averaging 39 yards per punt.

David Greene, *QB*



PHILIP WILLIAMS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Sanford Stadium **Capacity:** 86,520 **Turf:** Grass	**Mark Richt,** 4th Year **Record:** 32-8 **Career Record:** 32-8	**Neil Callaway** (off. coordinator/OL), **Brian VanGorder** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Mike Bobo** (QBs), **John Eason** (assistant head coach/WRs), **Dave Van Halanger** (strength and conditioning), **Jon Fabris** (DEs), **Rodney Garner** (DL/recruiting coordinator), **David Johnson** (TEs), **Willie Martinez** (secondary), **Ken Rucker** (RBs)

SEC EAST

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 6-2 SEC *(lost to Iowa in the Outback Bowl, 37-17)*

Florida

Gainesville, Fla.

Official athletic Web site: www.gatorzone.com

GATORS

SEC EAST

Gator offense will spring 'experienced' Leak on SEC defenses this year, so watch out

A look at the records posted by Florida in the 1990s and so far this decade tells you all you need to know about the discontent in Gator Nation.

In the '90s, Florida was an incredible 102-22, with a national championship and four SEC titles. Since then, the Gators have come back to the pack, 36-15 the last five years and no SEC titles since 2000.

Florida's two-year run under Ron Zook has been the best and worst of times for the Gators. Last year, Florida pinned the only loss on LSU (ranked No. 6 at the time) on the road and then won at No. 11 Arkansas and against No. 4 Georgia in Jacksonville. But a disappointing 37-17 loss to Iowa in the Outback Bowl left Florida's record under Zook a mediocre 16-10.

And yet, there is reason for optimism in Gainesville after a second straight 8-5 season.

Chris Leak, *QB*

MARK FRIEDMAN

Florida played 14 true freshmen last year, an amazing 90 different players overall. Considering the Gators have LSU at home and still seem to have Georgia's number, the 2004 season could be an upturn back to the glory days.

"We have a chance to be a good football team," Zook says. "The stretch of success we had last year was because we became a football *team*. We need to continue being a team and not worry about who gets the credit."

It's hard not to place a lot of credit with Florida's passing game, which looks more like Steve Spurrier's old Fun 'N Gun than it has in years.

The offensive resurgence starts with sophomore Chris Leak, who took over in the fifth game of last season as a true freshman and lived up to his enormous billing by going 6-1 against the SEC and 3-1 against top-15 opponents. He also set Florida freshman records for touchdowns (14), completions (168) and yards (2,167). He completed 60 percent of his passes and threw just 10 interceptions.

A veteran line should give Leak the time to develop chemistry with a promising group of receivers. Florida lost its top three pass receivers from 2003 but returns 14 of the 18 players who caught at least one ball. O.J. Small (35 catches, 375 yards) has the best numbers, but Andre Caldwell, Dallas Baker, Jemalle Cornelius, Reggie Lewis and freshman Michael McIntosh will be piling up the receptions as well. Ciatrick Fason (583 rushing yards) and DeShawn Wynn (540 yards, 7 TDs) should replace Ran Carthon at tailback adequately.

Defensively, Florida returns nine players who started at least one game but defensive coordinator Charlie Strong must replace his entire starting secondary. Still, Zook is hopeful.

"We're going to be young but talented in the secondary," he says.

Sophomore defensive tackles Ray McDonald, Marcus Thomas and senior Kenny Parker return, though the ends must be replaced. Linebackers will be a strong point, anchored by sophomore Channing Crowder.

The kicking game is solid. Matt Leach returns after making 21 of 27 field goals and all 41 extra-point tries, and punter Eric Wilbur averaged 44.8 yards per kick as a freshman. Caldwell is a burner as a kick returner.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
Capacity: 88,548
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Ron Zook, 3rd Year
Record: 16-10
Career Record: 16-10

ASSISTANT COACHES:

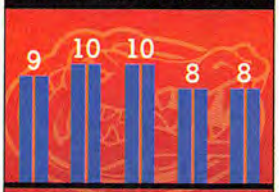
Ed Zaunbrecher (QBs), **Dwayne Dixon** (assistant head coach/inside receivers), **Larry Fedora** (off. coordinator/WRs), **Mike Locksley** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Joe Wickline** (OL/running game coordinator), **Charlie Strong** (def. coordinator), **Jerry "Red" Anderson** (DL), **Bill Miller** (associate head coach/LBs), **Dan Disch** (DBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Middle Tennessee St.		
S.11	Eastern Michigan		
S.18	@TENNESSEE	L	10-24
S.25	Kentucky	W	24-21
O.2	Arkansas	W	33-28
O.9	LSU	W	19-7
O.23	@MISSISSIPPI STATE		
O.30	@GEORGIA*	W	16-13
N.6	@VANDERBILT	W	35-17
N.13	South Carolina	W	24-22
N.20	@FLORIDA STATE	L	34-38

* at Jacksonville, FL

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/17

OFFENSE

QB	12	Chris Leak (6-0, 200, So.)
	14	Justin Midgett (6-3, 199, r-Fr.)
TB	4	Ciatrick Fason (6-0, 212, Jr.)
	21	DeShawn Wynn (5-11, 224, So.)
LT	76	Tavares Washington (6-3, 307, Sr.)
	78	Jon Colon (6-7, 316, Sr.)
LG	72	Lance Butler (6-7, 311, Jr.)
	64	Anthony Guerrero (6-1, 334, Sr.)
C	68	Mike Degory (6-5, 314, Jr.)
	65	Billy Griffin (6-3, 290, Sr.)
RG	61	Mo Mitchell (6-6, 367, Sr.)
	79	Steve Rissler (6-3, 290, Sr.)
RT	74	Randy Hand (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	73	Carlton Medder (6-5, 330, r-Fr.)
TE	89	Markell Thompson (6-7, 310, Jr.)
	88	David Kenner (6-3, 246, Sr.)
WR	81	Dallas Baker (6-3, 194, Jr.)
	11	O.J. Small (6-1, 232, Sr.)
WR	5	Andre Caldwell (6-1, 190, So.)
	22	Reggie Lewis (510, 193, So.)
WR	6	Jemalle Cornelius (5-11, 177, So.)
	8	Chad Jackson (6-1, 205, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	97	Tranell Morant (6-5, 256, r-Fr.)
	20	Joe Cohen (6-2, 266, So.)
DT	44	Marcus Thomas (6-3, 274, So.)
	58	Kenny Parker (6-2, 306, Jr.)
DT	95	Ray McDonald (6-3, 280, So.)
	58	Kenny Parker (6-2, 306, Jr.)
DE	93	Steven Harris (6-4, 267, So.)
	57	Jeremy Mincey (6-3, 258, Jr.)
SLB	27	Travis Harris (6-2, 251, Sr.)
	47	Todd McCullough (6-5, 229, Jr.)
MLB	55	Channing Crowder (6-2, 241, So.)
	92	Taurean Charles (6-1, 234, So.)
WLB	30	Earl Everett (6-2, 223, So.)
	99	Howard Lingard (6-2, 210, So.)
CB	15	Dee Webb (5-11, 187, So.)
	16	Vernell Brown (5-8, 155, Jr.)
CB	35	Reynaldo Hill (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	24	DeShawn Carter (6-0, 210, Jr.)
FS	46	Jarvis Herring (5-11, 198, Jr.)
	32	Zephrin Augustine (5-10, 188, Sr.)
SS	7	Cory Bailey (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	49	Terrence Holmes (5-10, 195, So.)

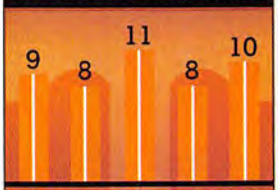
SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Matt Leach (6-1, 190, Sr.)
P	10	Eric Wilbur (6-1, 195, So.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	UNLV		
S.18	Florida	W	24-10
S.25	Louisiana Tech		
O.2	Auburn	L	21-28
O.9	@GEORGIA	L	14-41
O.16	@MISSISSIPPI		
O.23	Alabama	W	51-43 (OT)
O.30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	23-20 (OT)
N.6	Notre Dame		
N.20	@VANDERBILT	W	48-0
N.27	Kentucky	W	20-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/25

OFFENSE

QB	12	C.J. Leak (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	16	Rick Clausen (6-3, 210, Jr.)
FB	48	Cory Anderson (6-3, 270, So.)
	39	Robert Williams (6-3, 245, Jr.)
TB	21	Cedric Houston (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	28	David Yancey (5-8, 185, So.)
LT	77	Michael Munoz (6-6, 315, Sr.)
	71	Steven Jones (6-4, 310, Fr.)
LG	52	Rob Smith (6-4, 308, So.)
	76	Arron Sears (6-4, 315, So.)
C	63	Jason Respert (6-3, 305, Sr.)
	74	Richie Gandy (6-5, 315, Jr.)
RG	70	Cody Douglas (6-4, 325, Jr.)
	66	David Ligon (6-5, 285, So.)
RT	72	Albert Toeaina (6-6, 350, Jr.)
	54	Eric Young (6-4, 300, Fr.)
TE	83	Victor McClure (6-4, 310, Sr.)
	87	Justin Reed (6-7, 275, Jr.)
WR	81	Tony Brown (6-2, 200, Sr.)
	17	C.J. Fayton (6-2, 195, Jr.)
WR	13	Chris Hannon (6-4, 195, Jr.)
	3	Robert Meachem (6-3, 210, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Parys Haralson (6-2, 255, Jr.)
	15	Turk McBride (6-4, 260, So.)
DT	92	Justin Harrell (6-4, 300, So.)
	95	Tony McDaniel (6-7, 300, So.)
DT	55	Jesse Mahelona (6-2, 300, Jr.)
	96	Greg Jones (6-6, 300, Jr.)
DE	46	Karlton Neal (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	94	Jason Hall (6-3, 265, Jr.)
SLB	35	Jason Mitchell (6-1, 225, Jr.)
	44	Omar Gaither (6-2, 225, Jr.)
MLB	5	Kevin Simon (5-11, 235, Jr.)
	56	Jon Poe (5-11, 235, Jr.)
WLB	2	Kevin Burnett (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	42	Daniel Brooks (6-4, 235, So.)
CB	18	Jason Allen (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	36	Roshaun Fellows (6-0, 185, Fr.)
CB	4	Jonathan Wade (6-0, 185, So.)
	37	Antonio Gaines (5-9, 180, Fr.)
FS	26	Corey Campbell (6-3, 190, So.)
	25	Ben Greene (6-0, 205, Fr.)
SS	38	Brandon Johnson (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	19	Jarod Parrish (6-3, 195, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	25	James Wilhoit (5-10, 190, So.)
	37	Ryan Fusco (5-10, 195, Jr.)
P	47	Dustin Colquitt (6-2, 196, Sr.)
	19	John Henderson (6-0, 220, Sr.)

3 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 6-2 SEC *(lost to Clemson in the Peach Bowl, 27-14)*

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tenn.

Official athletic Web site: www.utsports.com

VOLUNTEERS

Questions abound with Tennessee offense, as Clausen's graduation leaves big-time hole

At almost any school, a 10-3 record would be a satisfying achievement.

But this is Tennessee, just six years removed from a national championship, and back-to-back losses in the Peach Bowl just don't cut it.

Unfortunately for the Volunteers, that 27-14 loss to Clemson in last year's Peach Bowl was just the tip of an unsettling iceberg. The fact is the Vols don't return a single first-team All-SEC player on either side of the ball, and questions fill the vacuum left by departed quarterback Casey Clausen.

"There's a significant amount of progress to be made," says coach Phillip Fulmer, the dean of SEC coaches with a 113-28 record in 12 seasons. "That's going to take a conscious effort on our football team to close the gap between the guys who understand what it takes to be champions and those who haven't totally bought into the program.

"If we could get those guys to come around, we could have a really positive year."

Tennessee was hoping to identify a replacement for Clausen this spring between Clausen's younger brother Rick, a junior transfer from LSU, and sixth-year senior C.J. Leak, older brother of Florida's Chris Leak. But the spring game ended in a 21-21 tie, and so did the quarterbacks.

Leak completed half of 22 passes over the last two years for 122 yards, while Clausen hasn't played a down since 2002. It isn't out of the question that freshmen Erik Ainge and Brent Schaeffer could get a shot in the fall.

Athletic James Banks wanted a shot at quarterback and may yet get it, but missed spring practice because he violated team rules. If not, he'll stay at wide receiver, where he caught 42 passes for 621 yards and six touchdowns in 2003. In all, six of the top nine receivers are back.

The running back position is deep with players who haven't exactly proven themselves yet. Senior Cedric Houston is within 1,450 yards of becoming Tennessee's all-time leading rusher, but that number would be almost double his previous single-season-best output. Jabari Davis (565 yards) and Gerald Riggs (207) also return. They'll run behind a line that's one of Tennessee's strengths, led by senior tackle Michael Munoz, who passed on a chance to enter the NFL Draft. Tight end Victor McClure, one of the SEC's best, returns at tight end.

The defense, a strength last season, must be retooled after the loss of seven starters. But there's a good place to start in the middle with linebackers Kevin Burnett and Kevin Simon. They combined for 174 tackles last year and could be the SEC's best duo.

The next star of Tennessee's defensive front could be speedy junior end Parys Haralson. Junior Jason Allen, who started eight games last year, will likely play cornerback opposite Jonathan Wade.

Tennessee couldn't be in better shape on special teams with All-America punter Dustin Colquitt (45.3 yards per punt) and Freshman All-America kicker James Wilhoit (17 of 24 field goals).

Cedric Houston, *TB*

PAUL JASIENSKI

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Neyland Stadium **Capacity:** 104,079 **Turf:** Grass	**Phillip Fulmer,** 13th Year **Record:** 113-28 **Career Record:** 113-28	**John Chavis** (assistant head coach/def. coordinator/LBs), **Randy Sanders** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Greg Adkins** (TEs/OL/recruiting coordinator), **Dan Brooks** (DL), **Steve Caldwell** (DEs/special teams), **Trooper Taylor** (RBs), **Larry Slade** (DBs), **Jimmy Ray Stephens** (OL), **Pat Washington** (WRs)

SEC EAST

PRESEASON RANK **4**

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-6 SEC

South Carolina

Columbia, S.C.

Official athletic Web site: www.uscsports.com

GAMECOCKS

Holtz shuffles deck at Columbia, demoting son and installing new coordinators on both sides

It wasn't just that the Gamecocks went 5-7 for the second straight year, it was *how* they missed out on a break-even season. Four straight losses were capped by the embarrassment of Clemson waltzing into Columbia and pinning a 63-17 smack-down on USC. Almost immediately, the nameplates started coming off the coaching offices.

Purged from the staff were defensive coordinator Chris Cosh, offensive line coach Dave DeGuglielmo, secondary coach John Gutekunst and quarterbacks coach Todd Fitch. Lou Holtz's son, Skip, didn't get the ax but was demoted from offensive coordinator to quarterbacks coach.

Skip admitted being hurt by the move, but these are desperate times at South Carolina. Especially for papa Lou, who hasn't suffered three straight losing seasons since he was just getting started at William & Mary.

"We're in the process of evaluating this program from top to bottom," says Lou, who is taking creative control of the offense. "Difficult decisions have to be made."

Difficult even for the boss. Holtz has experienced being lauded as the savior of South Carolina football, but has also seen Internet cranks fire up a Ron Zook-knockoff Web site called *www.firelouholtz.com.*

Holtz knows it comes with the territory.

"That seems to be the sport in this state," Holtz says. "You've got to fire one coach or the other."

The Gamecocks return 16 starters, including nine on offense. But no one wins in the SEC without a dependable quarterback, and here South Carolina is lacking.

Dondrial Pinkins started and finished the spring No. 1 behind center—so they say. But it was sophomore Syvelle Newton who created the biggest buzz by throwing for 277 yards and having a hand in every point scored in the spring game. Afterward, Pinkins told Holtz he would "shock the conference" this season.

The coach's reaction?

"Going into fall camp, we'll see," Holtz says.

Whoever the quarterback is, the Gamecocks will need some improvement in the receiver corps. Troy Williamson and Matthew Thomas both had more than 400 receiving yards last season, but freshman Sidney Rice is expected to make a quick impact.

Holtz says the Gamecocks will employ more I-formation this season, and that means more Demetris Summers (638 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and Daccus Turman (646, 7) this season. They'll work behind a veteran offensive line.

On defense, new coordinator Rick Minter, the former University of Cincinnati head coach, is trying to shore up a unit that allowed 26.2 points and 368 yards per game and allowed opponents to convert 42 percent of their third downs.

On the line, defensive ends Moe Thompson and George Gause are two of the SEC's best. Darrell Shropshire and Freddy Saint-Preux return at the tackles, but depth is a serious concern. At linebacker, holdover regulars Lance Laury and Ricardo Hurley return from injuries, but only senior middle man Marcus Lawrence appeared to have a starting spot nailed down after spring practice.

The secondary must overcome the loss of Dunta Robinson to the NFL and could rely on a load of new faces such as junior-college transfer Jonathan Joseph and former special-teamer Fred Bennett. Speaking of special teams, the Gamecocks need to identify kickers and returners before September.

Demetris Summers, *TB*

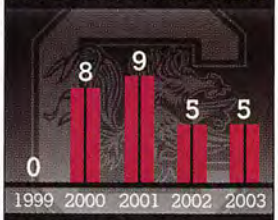
REX BROWN/AI WIRE

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Williams-Brice Stadium **Capacity:** 80,250 **Turf:** Grass	**Lou Holtz,** 6th Year **Record:** 27-32 **Career Record:** 241-127-7	**Skip Holtz** (assistant head coach/QBs), **Paul Lounsberry** (TEs), **Jappy Oliver** (DL), **Dave Roberts** (RBs/recruiting coordinator), **Rick Minter** (def. coordinator/LBs), **David Reaves** (assistant DBs), **Steve Shankweiler** (OL), **Rick Stockstill** (WRs/recruiting coordinator), **Ron Cooper** (DBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@VANDERBILT	W	35-24
S.11	Georgia	L	7-31
S.18	South Florida		
S.25	Troy State		
O.2	@ALABAMA		
O.9	Mississippi	L	40-43
O.16	@KENTUCKY	W	27-21
O.30	Tennessee	L	20-23 (OT)
N.6	Arkansas	L	6-28
N.13	@FLORIDA	L	22-24
N.20	@CLEMSON	L	17-63

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/20

OFFENSE

QB	5	Dondrial Pinkins (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	13	Syvelle Newton (6-2, 196, So.)
FB	44	Brandon Schweitzer (6-3, 255, Jr.)
	35	Jamie Peters (6-2, 240, So.)
TB	31	Demetris Summers (6-1, 200, So.)
	32	Daccus Turman (5-11, 229, Jr.)
LT	78	Jabari Levey (6-7, 340, Jr.)
	77	Woodly Telfort (6-8, 330, Jr.)
LG	69	Stephen Sene (6-6, 320, So.)
	60	Chris White (6-4, 310, So.)
C	74	John Strickland (6-5, 304, Sr.)
	65	Fran Person (6-6, 262, Jr.)
RG	72	Jonathan Alston (6-5, 302, Sr.)
	71	William Brown (6-5, 275, Fr.)
RT	70	Na'shan Goddard (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	55	Thomas Coleman (6-5, 270, So.)
TE	39	Brian Brownlee (6-3, 247, Sr.)
	80	Andy Boyd (6-5, 260, So.)
WR	15	Matthew Thomas (6-1, 188, Sr.)
	1	Noah Whiteside (6-0, 170, So.)
WR	82	Troy Williamson (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	85	Michael Flint (6-2, 203, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Moe Thompson (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	90	Jason Capers (6-4, 275, Sr.)
DT	57	Darrell Shropshire (6-2, 299, Sr.)
	98	Chris Tucker (6-2, 304, Jr.)
DT	54	Freddy Saint-Preux (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	55	Stanley Doughty (6-2, 315, Fr.)
DE	99	George Gause (6-5, 265, Sr.)
	97	Charles Silas (6-6, 255, Jr.)
OLB	42	Ricardo Hurley (6-3, 233, Jr.)
	48	Lance Laury (6-2, 231, Jr.)
MLB	46	Marcus Lawrence (6-3, 236, Sr.)
	51	Orus Lambert (6-2, 240, Jr.)
OLB	11	Rod Wilson (6-2, 217, Sr.)
	45	De'Adrian Coley (6-3, 240, Jr.)
CB	8	Fred Bennett (6-2, 186, So.)
	23	Tremaine Tyler (6-0, 181, Jr.)
CB	9	Jonathan Joseph (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	14	Taqiy Muhammad (5-11, 182, Sr.)
FS	6	Jermaine Harris (6-4, 210, Sr.)
	16	Jamacia Jackson (6-1, 210, Sr.)
SS	36	Ko Simpson (6-2, 180, Fr.)
	17	Andre Hemphill (6-2, 202, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	87	Josh Brown (6-2, 190, Jr.)
	44	Stephen Stellfox (6-1, 182, So.)
P	87	Josh Brown (6-2, 190, Jr.)
	90	Joey Bowers (6-0, 189, Sr.)

Lexington, Ky. PRESEASON RANK 5

Kentucky WILDCATS

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 1-7 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.ukathletics.com

The transition is over, the adjustments to the new coaching staff have been made and the goal for the Wildcats is clear: a winning season.

Kentucky has had just three of those since 1989.

A 4-8 team last year, UK wasn't that far from seeing the upside of .500. There were four losses by 10 points or less, including a three-point loss to Florida and the unbelievable 71-63 seven-overtime defeat at Arkansas.

"They were trying hard," second-year coach Rich Brooks says. "It can just be hard when you have to change to a new coaching staff. But I think we have a bunch of hungry guys who want to win."

Kentucky returns 17 starters but lost its two biggest offensive stars in quarterback Jared Lorenzen and receiver/return specialist Derek Abney. Senior Shane Boyd beat out Andre Woodson to be the starting quarterback, though Boyd completed just 15 of 43 passes for 205 yards in 2003. With returning starter Tommy Cook likely lost for the season with a knee injury, sophomore Keenan Burton is the best of the receiving corps. Junior tailback Arliss Beach returns, but will be pushed by freshman Rafael Little.

The defense is led by likely All-SEC choice Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, a senior defensive end (72 tackles in 2003). Junior Trey Mielsch mans the other end. Lamar Mills and Ellery Moore combined for 102 tackles at nose guard and will share the spot again.

Dustin Williams, Chad Anderson and Durrell White return at linebacker. The secondary welcomes back all four starters, though there were offseason problems. Strong safety Mike Williams missed the spring with shoulder surgery, while cornerbacks Earven Flowers and Bo Smith missed time with academic and injury problems, respectively.

Burton has yet to return a kick in a real game, but did run back the first kick in the spring scrimmage 93 yards for a touchdown. That's as close to Abney as UK can get.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Commonwealth Stadium
Capacity: 67,606
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Rich Brooks, 2nd Year
Record: 4-8
Career Record: 95-117-4

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	@LOUISVILLE	L	24-40
S.18	Indiana	W	34-17
S.25	@FLORIDA	L	21-24
O.2	Ohio	W	35-14
O.9	Alabama	L	17-27
O.16	South Carolina	L	21-27
O.23	@AUBURN		
O.30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	42-17
N.6	Georgia	L	10-30
N.13	Vanderbilt	L	17-28
N.27	@TENNESSEE	L	7-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/21

OFFENSE

QB	7	Shane Boyd (6-2, 233, Sr.)
FB	41	Ronald Johnson (6-0, 245, Jr.)
TB	5	Arliss Beach (6-0, 210, Jr.)
LT	61	Matt Huff (6-5, 300, Sr.)
LG	70	Jason Rollins (6-5, 285, Sr.)
C	62	Matt McCutchan (6-3, 280, Jr.)
RG	60	Trai Williams (6-4, 280, So.)
RT	57	Hayden Lane (6-6, 280, So.)
TE	84	Jeremiah Drobney (6-4, 245, Jr.)
WR	19	Keenan Burton (6-2, 190, So.)
WR	13	Gerad Parker (6-3, 209, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Trey Mielsch (6-3, 280, Jr.)
NT	99	Ellery Moore (6-3, 290, Sr.)
DE	98	Vincent Burns (6-2, 268, Sr.)
LLB	46	Joe Schuler (6-3, 245, r-Fr.)
ILB	55	Chad Anderson (6-2, 250, Jr.)
ILB	59	Dustin Williams (6-5, 244, Jr.)
RLB	9	Durrell White (6-3, 250, So.)
CB	24	Bo Smith (6-0, 185, Jr.)
CB	32	Earven Flowers (5-10, 193, Sr.)
FS	42	Muhammad Abdullah (6-0, 205, Jr.)
SS	1	Mike Williams (5-11, 186, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	89	Taylor Begley (6-0, 200, Jr.)
P	92	Anthony Thornton (6-1, 202, Sr.)

Nashville, Tenn. PRESEASON RANK 6

Vanderbilt COMMODORES

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.vucommodores.com

On a glorious fall Saturday last year, the Commodores beat Kentucky 28-17 to snap a 23-game SEC losing skid, prompting Vanderbilt fans to rip down the goalposts and carry them off into the Nashville night.

Wonder what would happen if the Commodores had a winning record? That hasn't happened at Vandy since 1982, and only eight times over the last 50 years. Under third-year coach Bobby Johnson, the Commodores have gone just 4-20 overall and 1-15 in the SEC.

At any other school, bringing back a league-high 21 starters (including all 11 on defense), a proven quarterback (Jay Cutler), a solid stable of running backs and receivers and a veteran offensive line would have most teams' fans checking out travel packages to bowl destinations.

But at Vanderbilt, first, baby steps. Then again . . .

"We have to make giant steps," Johnson says. "These other (SEC) teams are just adding on to their programs. We're trying to make giant steps to compete."

Competing starts with Cutler behind center. The junior from Santa Claus, Ind., (also hometown of former LSU quarterback Matt Mauck) was fourth in the SEC with 2,646 total yards last season. He'll operate behind a line led by NFL prospect Justin Geisinger, a senior tackle.

Tailback Kwane Doster rushed for 798 yards as a freshman and just 386 last year, as Norval McKenzie led the Commodores in rushing (639 yards). When Cutler isn't handing off to either of them, he'll be throwing to an experienced receiver corps led by junior Erik Davis.

While Vandy does return all of its defensive starters, the defense will have to perform better. The Commodores were 11th in the SEC in scoring defense, allowing 29.8 points per game, ranked 10th in rushing defense and total defense and allowed opponents to score 93.6 percent of the time inside the red zone. Junior end Jovan Haye had 8.5 sacks last year and is the best of the bunch.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Vanderbilt Stadium
Capacity: 41,600
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Bobby Johnson, 3rd Year
Record: 4-20
Career Record: 64-56

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	South Carolina	L	24-35
S.18	@MISSISSIPPI	L	21-24
S.25	@NAVY	L	27-37
O.2	Mississippi State	L	21-30
O.9	Rutgers		
O.16	@GEORGIA	L	8-27
O.23	Eastern Kentucky		
O.30	@LSU		
N.6	Florida	L	17-35
N.13	@KENTUCKY	W	28-17
N.20	Tennessee	L	0-48

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 21
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/13

OFFENSE

QB	6	Jay Cutler (6-4, 222, Jr.)
FB	28	Matthew Tant (5-11, 236, Jr.)
TB	9	Norval McKenzie (5-11, 210, Sr.)
LT	71	Justin Geisinger (6-4, 330, Sr.)
LG	76	Brian Kovolisky (6-7, 292, Sr.)
C	51	Steven Brent (6-3, 282, So.)
RG	65	Mac Pyle (6-4, 312, Jr.)
RT	72	Brian Stamper (6-5, 295, So.)
TE	84	Dustin Dunning (6-5, 245, Jr.)
WR	80	Brandon Smith (6-1, 185, Sr.)
WR	2	Erik Davis (6-2, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Jovan Haye (6-3, 280, Jr.)
DT	96	Robert Dinwiddie (6-5, 286, Sr.)
DT	94	Ray Brown (6-2, 296, So.)
DE	69	Aaron Carter (6-3, 278, Sr.)
SLB	4	Herdley Harrison (6-2, 236, Jr.)
MLB	52	Otis Washington (5-11, 242, Jr.)
WLB	30	Moses Osemwegie (6-0, 220, Jr.)
CB	10	Dominique Morris (6-1, 195, Jr.)
CB	7	Bill Alford (5-9, 180, Sr.)
FS	12	Kelechi Ohanaja (6-1, 200, Jr.)
SS	36	Andrew Pace (6-0, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	98	Patrick Johnson (5-11, 180, So.)
P	19	Kyle Keown (6-0, 185, r-Fr.)

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 13-1 overall, 7-1 SEC *(beat Oklahoma for the BCS national championship in the Sugar Bowl, 21-14)*

LSU

Baton Rouge, La.

Official athletic Web site: www.lsusports.net

TIGERS

The defense will not rest in Baton Rouge, where scoring on the Tigers won't be easy

In 2003, the Tigers followed Ohio State's script from a year before to win their first national championship since 1958. Like the Buckeyes, LSU rose from a preseason ranking in the mid-teens by parlaying a streaky offense and a rock-hard defense into a national powerhouse.

Unlike Ohio State, though, LSU fans had to suffer along with the BCS system and a firestorm of criticism and labels that the Tigers' championship wasn't as legitimate as Southern California's. The Trojans finished No. 1 in the AP poll and were the choice of many coaches, who were forced by agreement with the BCS to vote for LSU in their poll after the Tigers beat Oklahoma 21-14 in the Sugar Bowl.

There's no one in Louisiana who doesn't believe LSU is a bona fide national champion. But there probably isn't anyone who wouldn't mind seeing the Tigers get to the Orange Bowl and beat USC to in some way put down the argument.

Marcus Spears, *DE*

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"We've staked our flag at the top," defensive tackle Kyle Williams says. "It's harder to stay there than it is to get there."

LSU will have its chance, but must first answer some key questions. The Tigers must identify a new quarterback, must revamp their receiving corps and find a new leader on the defensive front.

The early favorite to replace Matt Mauck at quarterback is senior Marcus Randall, who heaved up the "Bluegrass Miracle" pass to beat Kentucky in 2002. Randall started the second half of the '02 season when Mauck went down with a foot injury and played in a backup role last year. But Randall doesn't have the size, arm and talent of JaMarcus Russell, who along with fellow redshirt freshman Matt Flynn dogged Randall through the spring. While Russell looks the part, neither he nor Flynn have taken a college snap yet, a huge edge for Randall.

The Tigers welcome back loads of talent at running back, led by sophomore Justin Vincent. He emerged the second half of last season to rush for 1,001 yards and capture MVP awards in the SEC title game and the Sugar Bowl. Alley Broussard, Joseph Addai and Shyrone Carey will also push for playing time.

Receiver is another matter. Back is Skyler Green, an All-America return specialist who led the nation in punt returns last year. But the Tigers must find players to complement him. This was such a concern in the spring for coach Nick Saban that he cross-trained cornerback Corey Webster at his original college position.

No doubt, however, that Webster will remain a fixture at cornerback with 14 interceptions the last two seasons. With fellow senior Travis Daniels, he forms arguably the best pair of cover corners in the nation. Sophomore LaRon Landry returns at free safety after leading LSU with 80 tackles as a freshman.

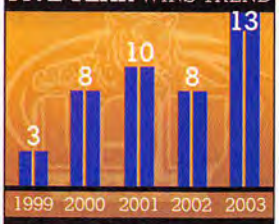
Senior Lionel Turner, last seen sacking Oklahoma quarterback Jason White to end the Sooners' final threat in the Sugar Bowl, returns at middle linebacker. Senior defensive end Marcus Spears resisted the urge to jump to the NFL and is a likely All-American, but LSU must replace All-America tackle Chad Lavalais. The early favorite is junior-college transfer Claude Wroten, though Melvin Oliver will slide over from end (where he replaces Marquise Hill) to replace Wroten or Williams on passing downs.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Oregon State		
S.11	Arkansas State		
S.18	@AUBURN	W	31-7
S.25	Mississippi State	W	41-6
O.2	@GEORGIA	W	34-13
O.9	@FLORIDA	L	7-19
O.23	Troy State		
O.30	Vanderbilt		
N.13	Alabama	W	27-3
N.20	Mississippi	W	17-14
N.27	@ARKANSAS*	W	55-24

* At Little Rock, AR

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/26

OFFENSE

QB	12	Marcus Randall (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	15	Matt Flynn (6-2, 218, r-Fr.)
FB	44	Kevin Steltz (5-11, 260, Jr.)
	82	David Jones (6-4, 260, Jr.)
TB	25	Justin Vincent (5-11, 190, So.)
	10	Joseph Addai (5-11, 210, Jr.)
LT	76	Andrew Whitworth (6-7, 310, Jr.)
	78	Paris Hodges (6-6, 340, So.)
LG	75	Brian Johnson (6-4, 307, So.)
	68	Terrell McGill (6-4, 325, Jr.)
C	55	Ben Wilkerson (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	59	Doug Planchard (6-3, 290, So.)
RG	64	Rudy Niswanger (6-5, 290, Jr.)
	68	Terrell McGill (6-4, 325, Jr.)
RT	71	Nate Livings (6-5, 313, Jr.)
	97	Brandon Washington (6-4, 302, Jr.)
TE	82	David Jones (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	89	Keith Zinger (6-5, 260, So.)
WR	5	Skyler Green (5-10, 180, Jr.)
	1	Amp Hill (6-3, 190, r-Fr.)
FLK	80	Dwayne Bowe (6-3, 202, So.)
	3	Craig Davis (6-3, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	84	Marcus Spears (6-6, 290, Sr.)
	57	Alonzo Manuel (6-4, 260, So.)
DT	90	Melvin Oliver (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	96	Carnell Stewart (6-5, 300, r-Fr.)
NT	98	Claude Wroten (6-3, 315, Jr.)
	95	Kyle Williams (6-3, 288, Jr.)
DE	49	Kirston Pittman (6-3, 238, So.)
	54	Brian West (6-4, 270, So.)
SLB	7	Ali Highsmith (6-1, 225, Fr.)
	11	Dominic Cooper (6-4, 220, r-Fr.)
MLB	58	Lionel Turner (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	56	Ken Hollis (6-1, 235, r-Jr.)
WLB	46	Cameron Vaughn (6-4, 225, Jr.)
	34	Dorsett Buckles (5-10, 220, Sr.)
CB	13	Corey Webster (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	8	Ronnie Prude (5-11, 176, Sr.)
CB	29	Travis Daniels (6-1, 175, Sr.)
	6	Mario Stevenson (6-2, 195, So.)
SS	31	Jesse Daniels (5-11, 195, So.)
	37	Daniel Francis (5-11, 175, r-Fr.)
FS	30	LaRon Landry (6-2, 180, So.)
		Craig Steltz (6-2, 195, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	41	Chris Jackson (5-11, 175, So.)
	39	Ryan Gaudet (5-10, 165, So.)
P	41	Chris Jackson (5-11, 175, So.)
	36	Patrick Fisher (6-0, 240, So.)

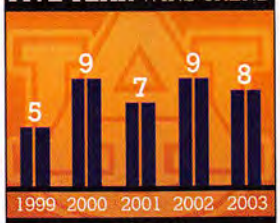
STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Tiger Stadium **Capacity:** 91,600 **Turf:** Grass	**Nick Saban,** 5th Year **Record:** 39-13 **Career Record:** 82-39-1	**Mike Collins** (LBs), **Derek Dooley** (assistant head coach/RBs/special teams), **Jimbo Fisher** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Travis Jones** (DL), **Tommy Moffitt** (strength and conditioning), **Will Muschamp** (def. coordinator), **Stacy Searels** (OL), **LeRoy Ryals** (TEs), **Kirby Smart** (DBs), **Bobby Williams** (associate head coach/WRs)

SEC WEST

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Louisiana-Monroe	W	73-7
S.11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	45-13
S.18	LSU	L	7-31
S.25	Citadel		
O.2	@TENNESSEE	W	28-21
O.9	Louisiana Tech		
O.16	Arkansas	W	10-3
O.23	Kentucky		
O.30	@MISSISSIPPI	L	20-24
N.13	Georgia	L	7-26
N.20	@ALABAMA	W	28-23

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/17

OFFENSE

QB	17	Jason Campbell (6-5, 228, Sr.)
	13	Josh Sullivan (6-4, 210, So.)
FB	44	Jake Slaughter (6-2, 237, Jr.)
	45	Chris Chappell (6-2, 223, r-Fr.)
TB	24	Carnell Williams (5-11, 204, Sr.)
	23	Ronnie Brown (6-1, 232, Sr.)
LT	66	Troy Reddick (6-5, 327, Jr.)
	77	King Dunlap (6-8, 290, r-Fr.)
LG	79	Jonathan Palmer (6-5, 317, So.)
	69	Ben Grubbs (6-3, 289, So.)
C	67	Jeremy Ingle (6-2, 275, Sr.)
	63	Will Ward (6-2, 270, So.)
RG	68	Danny Lindsey (6-3, 306, Sr.)
	71	Jarrod Britt (6-3, 299, So.)
RT	73	Marcus McNeill (6-9, 340, Jr.)
	74	Steven Ross (6-6, 275, Jr.)
TE	8	Cooper Wallace (6-4, 253, Jr.)
	87	Cole Bennett (6-5, 244, So.)
WR	86	Courtney Taylor (6-2, 194, So.)
	85	Silas Daniels (6-0, 193, Sr.)
WR	1	Devin Aromashodu (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	9	Anthony Mix (6-5, 242, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Bret Eddins (6-5, 267, Sr.)
	98	Doug Langenfeld (6-3, 254, Sr.)
DT	83	Jay Ratliff (6-5, 278, Sr.)
	96	Wayne Dickens (6-1, 297, Jr.)
NT	58	T.J. Jackson (6-1, 304, Jr.)
	97	Josh Thompson (6-0, 295, r-Fr.)
DE	48	Marquies Gunn (6-4, 234, So.)
	75	Stanley McClover (6-2, 252, So.)
SLB	29	Derrick Graves (6-1, 222, Sr.)
	40	Kevin Sears (6-4, 236, So.)
MLB	57	Mayo Sowell (6-2, 225, So.)
	54	Quentin Groves (6-3, 239, r-Fr.)
WLB	51	Travis Williams (6-1, 209, Jr.)
	21	Karibi Dede (6-1, 206, So.)
CB	14	Carlos Rogers (6-1, 194, Sr.)
	3	David Irons (6-1, 183, Jr.)
CB	19	Montavis Pitts (6-3, 203, So.)
	26	Lamel Ages (5-9, 187, Sr.)
FS	35	Will Herring (6-4, 212, So.)
	31	Antarrious Williams (5-11, 208, Jr.)
SS	4	Junior Rosegreen (6-0, 196, Sr.)
	10	Donnay Young (6-0, 204, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	John Vaughn (6-1, 196, So.)
	18	Philip Yost (6-0, 195, Sr.)
P	30	Kody Bliss (5-11, 193, So.)
	37	John Vaughn (6-1, 196, So.)

2 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 SEC *(beat Wisconsin in the Music City Bowl, 28-14)*

Auburn

Auburn, Ala.

Official athletic Web site: www.auburntigers.com

TIGERS

After an offseason of tumult, Tommy T's back on the Plains with a Cadillac in tow

What was supposed to be a championship season for Auburn in 2003 instead turned out to be one long soap opera.

Auburn was picked by virtually every publication with a sports section to win the SEC and be a national-championship contender. But two weeks into the season, the Tigers were 0-2 after losses to Southern Cal and Georgia Tech, and had scored a grand total of three points. Auburn righted itself with five straight wins, but a 31-7 hammering by LSU ended any title hopes and the Tigers wound up a disappointing 8-5.

"Everyone picked me so high I about got fired," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville says.

Just about. On Nov. 20, two days before the Iron Bowl against Alabama, Auburn's president, athletic director and two board members flew to Louisville to meet with ex-Auburn offensive coordinator Bobby Petrino. The cover story was that they sought Petrino's advice on how to improve the team, but it eventually leaked out that Petrino was offered the job. The whole debacle backfired on Auburn's powers that be and, as a result, Auburn President William Walker stepped down and Athletic Director David Housel will be gone by January.

Tuberville is still there, however, more determined than ever to make Auburn a winner.

"I could have taken the money and gone on down the road," Tuberville says. "But I stayed because of the Auburn fans and our football team and how good I feel about this program."

It doesn't hurt that Tuberville thinks he has another pretty good team on his hands, especially on offense. Auburn is the only team in the SEC West that returns both its starting quarterback and its leading rusher, and both are seniors. Jason Campbell threw for 2,267 yards and 10 touchdowns last year, while tailback Carnell "Cadillac" Williams rushed for 1,307 yards and a league-leading 17 touchdowns.

Williams is no longer backed up by hulking Brandon Jacobs, who transferred to Southern Illinois. But senior Ronnie Brown is still around, as is junior Tre Smith and a raft of newcomers. Still, Auburn won't run at the expense of the pass as it did last year. New offensive coordinator Al Borges brings a balanced West Coast offense that should elevate the passing game. Sophomore Courtney Taylor returns as Auburn's top receiver (34 catches, 379 yards) and will start opposite junior Devin Aromashodu.

Defense is the worry at Auburn, which lost five of its front seven from 2003 to graduation and the NFL Draft. There are some interesting prospects such as sophomore defensive end Stanley "The Predator" McClover. But Auburn will be hard-pressed to replace the likes of DeMarco McNeil at nose tackle and linebackers Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas. Look for lots of rotation and shifting from the Tigers this fall.

The secondary returns intact, with Kevin Hobbs moving from cornerback to backup safety. The linchpin is one of the SEC's top defensive backs, senior strong safety Junior Rosegreen (52 tackles).

"We've built this defense around speed," Tuberville says, "not size. It will be one of the quicker defenses we've had."

Carnell Williams, *TB*

PAUL JASIENSKI

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Jordan-Hare Stadium **Capacity:** 86,063 **Turf:** Grass	**Tommy Tuberville,** 6th Year **Record:** 38-24 **Career Record:** 63-44	**Hugh Nall** (OL), **Al Borges** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Greg Knox** (WRs/recruiting coordinator), **Steve Ensminger** (TEs), **Eddie Gran** (RBs), **Gene Chizik** (def. coordinator/secondary), **Terry Price** (DEs), **Don Dunn** (DTs), **Joe Whitt** (LBs), **Phillip Lolley** (DBs)

SEC WEST

PRESEASON RANK **3**

2003 Record: 10-3 overall, 7-1 SEC *(beat Oklahoma State in the Cotton Bowl, 31-28)*

Ole Miss Mississippi

Oxford, Miss.

Official athletic Web site: www.olemisssports.com

REBELS

Rebels have talent on hand to contend and absorb the loss of their 'main Manning'

Welcome to Year One, A.E. in Oxford—After Eli.

They knew Manning really wouldn't stay forever—Eli's father Archie taught them that—but you can understand if there's a little anxiety in Mississippi over the departure of the Rebels' main Manning.

And yet, no one seems ready to shut the doors on the Ole Miss football program. Perhaps the confidence Manning helped instill in the Rebels, confidence born by a 10-3 season and a tie for first in the SEC West with LSU, still permeates the Ole Miss locker room. Certainly there can't help but be an adjustment for a program after losing a player of Manning's caliber—the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft who wound up with the New York Giants after a few minutes' layover in San Diego. Still, the sky isn't falling in Oxford this fall.

"We certainly lost a tremendous player in Eli Manning," Ole Miss coach David Cutcliffe says. "When you look at the big picture, we lost several great football players who were seniors—Jesse Mitchell, Josh Cooper, Charlie Anderson, Justin Wade and L.P. Spence. To be honest, the list goes on and on.

"We're looking at the entire picture and what we have to do to be the best football team we can be."

Eli or not, the best the Rebels can be is still pretty good. Ole Miss returns half its starters and both kickers, meaning there's just too much talent in Oxford for opposing teams to feel that good about playing the Rebels.

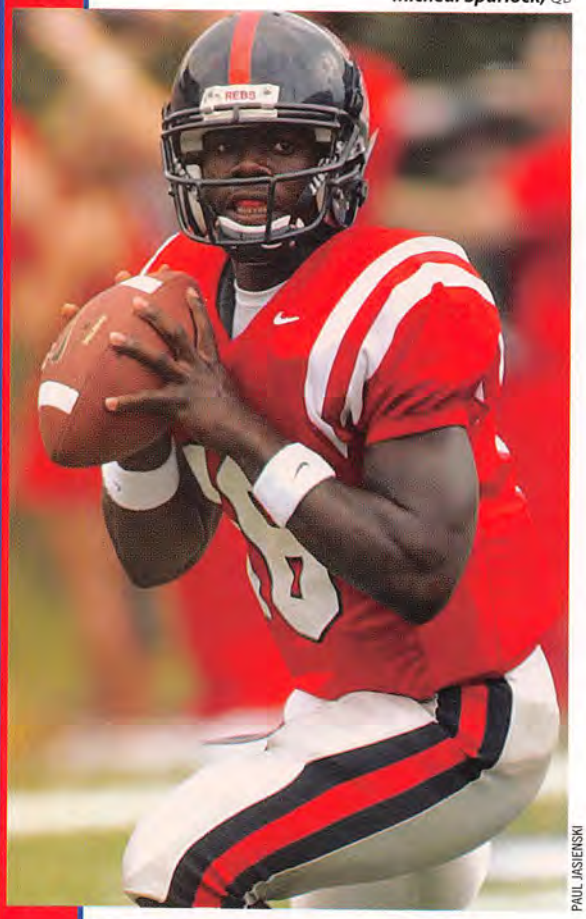
"We have enough experience coming back to make us a solid football team," Cutcliffe says. "We have nearly 30 guys who have played a lot of football. We are going to ask those players to step up. It'll be interesting to see how each one responds."

This fall all eyes will be on new quarterback Michael Spurlock, who completed just seven of eight passes last season for 118 yards and two touchdowns. They'll also be looking to see how well he can run the option, something Manning didn't do.

Junior Vashon Pearson replaces Tremaine Turner at tailback after rushing for 398 yards and four touchdowns last year. Pearson will be running behind a front wall that returns four of the starting six, including tight end Eric Rice. Meanwhile at split end, senior Bill Flowers provides an experienced target after 39 catches for 543 yards and a touchdown last year. Junior flanker Mike Espy (30 for 542 yards, 3 TDs) nearly matched him.

The Rebels were hit hard by graduation on defense, losing seven starters. Only one returns on the defensive line, senior Daniel Booth, who moves to replace All-SEC nose tackle Jesse Mitchell. Senior free safety Eric Oliver returns after recording 100-plus tackles the last two years. He's one of three back in the secondary. On special teams, the special foot of 2003 Lou Groza Award-winning placekicker Jonathan Nichols is kicking again.

Micheal Spurlock, *QB*



PAUL JASIENSKI

SEC WEST

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Vaught-Hemingway Stadium **Capacity:** 60,580 **Turf:** Grass	**David Cutcliffe,** 7th Year **Record:** 40-22 **Career Record:** 40-22	**Chuck Driesbach** (def. coordinator/secondary), **John Latina** (off. coordinator/OL), **Marion Hobby** (DEs), **Matt Luke** (TEs/assistant OL), **Arlington Nunn** (RBs), **Rick Petri** (DTs), **Kurt Roper** (QBs/passing game coordinator), **Thomas (T.D.) Woods** (receivers), **Jay Hopson** (DBs/recruiting coordinator)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S. 4	Memphis	L	34-44
S. 11	@ALABAMA	W	43-28
S. 18	Vanderbilt	W	24-21
S. 25	@WYOMING		
O. 2	Arkansas State	W	55-0
O. 9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	43-40
O. 16	Tennessee		
O. 30	Auburn	W	24-20
N. 13	@ARKANSAS	W	19-7
N. 20	@LSU	L	14-17
N. 25	Mississippi State	W	31-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/23

OFFENSE

QB	16	Micheal Spurlock (5-11, 200, Jr.)
	19	Ethan Flatt (6-6, 218, So-Sq)
FB	42	Rick Razzano (5-11, 240, Sr.)
	33	Lorenzo Townsend (6-2, 235, Sr.)
TB	24	Vashon Pearson (6-0, 205, Jr.)
	27	Brandon Jacobs (6-1, 235, Jr.)
LT	75	Bobby Harris (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	66	Antonio Sanders (6-3, 285, So.)
LG	62	Doug Buckles (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	52	James McCoy (6-3, 312, So.)
C	73	Chris Spencer (6-4, 310, Jr.)
	65	Tony Bonds (6-4, 308, Jr.)
RG	76	Marcus Johnson (6-6, 320, Sr.)
	63	Ryan Jones (6-4, 302, Jr.)
RT	70	Tre' Stallings (6-4, 317, Jr.)
	77	Marcus Cohen (6-5, 305, r-Fr.)
TE	80	Eric Rice (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	83	Jimmy Brooks (6-4, 270, Jr.)
SE	84	Bill Flowers (6-1, 193, Sr.)
	87	Mario Hill (6-1, 195, Jr.)
FLK	11	Mike Espy (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	7	Taye Biddle (6-1, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	77	Jayme Mitchell (6-6, 280, Jr.)
	92	Dedrick Clark (6-4, 286, So-Sq)
DT	68	McKinley Boykin (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	91	Andrew Wicker (6-5, 275, So.)
NT	61	Daniel Booth (6-4, 281, Sr.)
	72	Michael Bozeman (6-2, 290, Jr.)
DE	96	Cory Robinson (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	56	Viciente DeLoach (6-4, 235, r-Fr.)
SLB	81	Rob Robertson (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	49	Patrick Willis (6-2, 225, So.)
MLB	45	Ken Bournes (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	57	Brian Lester (6-2, 246, Sr.)
WLB	20	Charles Clark (6-0, 195, So.)
	44	Danny Bell (6-2, 205, So.)
CB	9	Travis Johnson (6-1, 191, Jr.)
	28	Nate Banks (5-11, 180, r-Fr.)
CB	3	Trumaine McBride (5-10, 180, So.)
	4	Bryan Brown (5-9, 195, So.)
FS	38	Eric Oliver (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	33	Thad Rhodes (5-11, 195, r-Jr.)
SS	39	Kelvin Robinson (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	31	Iroko Ayodele (6-2, 205, Sr.)

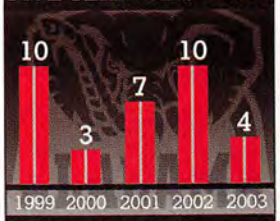
SPECIALISTS

PK	86	Jonathan Nichols (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	36	Ian Turner (6-1, 165, r-Fr.)
P	97	Cody Ridgeway (6-1 1/2, 190, Sr.)
	37	Wesley Bryan (6-2 1/2, 200, Sr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Utah State		
S.11	Mississippi	L	28-43
S.18	Western Carolina		
S.25	@ARKANSAS	L	31-34 (OT)
O.2	South Carolina		
O.9	@KENTUCKY	W	27-17
O.16	Southern Mississippi	W	17-3
O.23	@TENNESSEE	L	43-51 (OT)
N.6	Mississippi State	W	38-0
N.13	@LSU	L	3-27
N.20	Auburn	L	23-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/33

OFFENSE

QB	12	Brodie Croyle (6-3, 200, Jr.)
	13	Spencer Pennington (6-4, 227, Jr.)
FB	19	Tim Castille (5-11, 231, So.)
	33	Le'Ron McClain (6-1, 240, So.)
TB	27	Ray Hudson (5-10, 202, Sr.)
	34	Kenneth Darby (5-10, 202, So.)
LT	70	Wesley Britt (6-8, 313, Sr.)
	72	Chris Capps (6-5, 275, Fr.)
LG	51	Evan Mathis (6-5, 308, Sr.)
	63	Mark Sanders (6-7, 310, Jr.)
C	74	JB Closner (6-4, 290, Jr.)
	52	Taylor Britt (6-4, 278, Jr.)
RG	79	Danny Martz (6-4, 291, Sr.)
	52	Taylor Britt (6-4, 278, Jr.)
RT	58	Kyle Tatum (6-7, 282, So.)
	71	Justin Moon (6-4, 304, Fr.)
TE	87	David Cavan (6-5, 252, Sr.)
	88	Clint Johnston (6-4, 245, Jr.)
WR	4	Tyrone Prothro (5-8, 173, So.)
	5	Brandon Brooks (5-4, 163, Jr.)
WR	11	Matt Caddell (6-0, 171, Fr.)
	37	Matt Miller (6-3, 199, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	47	Mark Anderson (6-5, 239, Jr.)
	92	Wallace Gilberry (6-2, 239, Fr.)
DT	99	Jeremy Clark (6-2, 290, So.)
	79	J.P. Adams (6-3, 262, So.)
DT	97	Anthony Bryant (6-3, 336, Sr.)
	96	Dominic Lee (6-2, 302, So.)
DE	56	Todd Bates (6-4, 253, Sr.)
	91	Chris Harris (6-5, 241, So.)
SLB	35	DeMeco Ryans (6-2, 225, Jr.)
	55	Terrence Jones (6-0, 205, So.)
MLB	8	Freddie Roach (6-2, 245, Jr.) or
	16	Cornelius Wortham (6-1, 237, Sr.)
WLB	42	Juwan Garth (6-2, 208, So.)
	44	Demarcus Waldrop (5-11, 200, Fr.)
CB	17	Ramzee Robinson 5-9, 181, So.)
	26	Charlie Peprah (5-10, 189, Jr.)
CB	9	Anthony Madison (5-9, 180, Sr.)
	36	Eric Gray (5-11, 190, Fr.)
FS	41	Roman Harper (6-0, 191, Jr.)
	30	Bryan Kilpatrick (6-4, 199, So.)
SS	26	Charlie Peprah (5-10, 189, Jr.)
	10	Carlos Andrews (5-11, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	22	Brian Bostick (5-10, 213 ,Sr.)
	46	Mike McLaughlin (6-2, 207, Jr.)
P	24	Bo Freelend (6-4, 257, Sr.)
	25	Jeremy Schatz (5-7, 161, Jr.)

4 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 4-9 overall, 2-6 SEC

Alabama

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Official athletic Web site: www.rolltide.com

CRIMSON TIDE

Shula looking for redemption after rookie season in Tuscaloosa produced its share of heartbreakers

As the cost of Alabama's NCAA probation finally began to take hold last season, the depreciation began to show on the football field. After posting a 10-3 record in 2002 that was the best in the SEC West under Dennis Franchione, Alabama went 4-9 last season under Mike Shula. He was the hastily hired replacement for Mike Price, Franchione's replacement who was fired amid scandal last year.

To be fair, the Crimson Tide wasn't far away from a winning season, losing to BCS title-game participant Oklahoma 20-13, Arkansas 34-31 in double overtime and Tennessee 51-43 in a five-overtime thriller. But those were all losses, leaving the 2003 Alabama team fit to be "Tide" with the 1997 team for the fewest wins at Alabama since 1957.

"We had some exciting games and some heartbreaking losses," Shula says. "But we are really embarrassed by the outcome of our season. That's not what Alabama football is all about."

Despite its limitations, Alabama has a serious chance for its first bowl trip since the pre-probation season of 2001. While Alabama will be at low tide in terms of NCAA-scholarship reductions with 76 (instead of the customary 85), Alabama returns 13 starters among its 38 letter-winners. And though a trip to Atlanta for the SEC Championship Game looks like a long shot, a trip there for the Peach Bowl is within reach.

Alabama's top two quarterbacks, Brodie Croyle and Spencer Pennington, should both feel better after offseason shoulder surgery. Croyle passed for 2,303 yards and 16 touchdowns last year with a throwing shoulder he dislocated Sept. 27 against Arkansas.

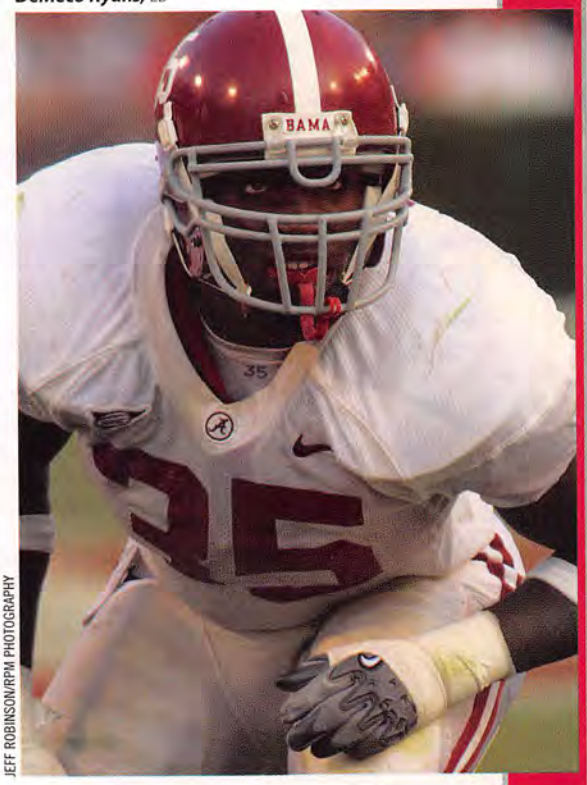
"He wouldn't come out," Shula says. "He's just the toughest competitor. He hates failure."

Now that the quarterbacks are healthy, the question remains who will they have to throw to? Graduation just about wiped out the Tide's receiver corps, leaving sophomore Tyrone Prothro (16 catches, 191 yards) the only wide receiver who caught a pass last year. Alabama must also find a replacement for tailback Shaud Williams, who rushed for 1,367 yards and 11 TDs. The heir apparent is senior Ray Hudson, who had 100 carries for 490 yards and a touchdown in 2003. Fullback Tim Castille, son of former 'Bama All-America defensive back Jeremiah Castille, is an option to run it or catch it.

Alabama's linebackers could be the strength of the team, led by junior strongside man DeMeco Ryans (126 total tackles). Senior Cornelius Wortham, who sat out last year with an elbow injury, and returning starter Freddie Roach (85 tackles) battled through the spring at middle linebacker, while sophomore Juwan Garth takes over for Ryans on the weakside.

Defensive tackle Anthony Bryant returns to anchor the line after being granted a second senior year by the NCAA. Alabama moved junior Charlie Peprah from cornerback to strong safety, where he will complement junior Roman Harper. Right cornerback Anthony Madison also returns, as do kicker Brian Bostick and punter Bo Freeland.

DeMeco Ryans, *LB*



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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Bryant-Denny Stadium **Capacity:** 83,818 **Turf:** Grass	**Mike Shula,** 2nd Year **Record:** 4-9 **Career Record:** 4-9	**Dave Rader** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Joe Kines** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Chris Ball** (secondary), **Bob Connelly** (OL), **Sparky Woods** (RBs), **Paul Randolph** (DEs), **Charlie Harbison** (WRs), **Dave Ungerer** (special teams/TEs), **Buddy Wyatt** (DL)

SEC WEST

Fayetteville, Ark. PRESEASON RANK 5

Arkansas RAZORBACKS

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 4-4 SEC *(beat Missouri in the Independence Bowl, 27-14)*

Official athletic Web site: www.hogwired.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	New Mexico State	W	48-20
S.11	Texas	W	38-28
S.18	@LOUISIANA-MONROE*		
S.25	Alabama	W	34-31 (OT)
O.2	@FLORIDA	L	28-33
O.16	@AUBURN	L	3-10
O.23	Georgia		
N.6	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	28-6
N.13	Mississippi	L	7-19
N.20	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	52-6
N.27	LSU@	L	24-55

* At Little Rock, AR

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 6
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/28

OFFENSE

QB	9	Matt Jones (6-6, 237, Sr.)
FB	47	Brandon Kennedy (6-0, 230, Jr.)
TB	32	DeCori Birmingham (5-11, 200, Sr.)
LT	66	Tony Ugoh (6-5, 288, Jr.)
LG	79	James Johnson (6-5, 287, Jr.)
C	70	Kyle Roper (6-2, 297, Jr.)
RG	78	Gene Perry (6-3, 298, Sr.)
RT	69	Zac Tubbs (6-6, 358, Jr.)
TE	86	Jared Hicks (6-6, 271, Jr.)
SE	84	Steven Harris (5-11, 182, Sr.)
FL	6	Carlos Ousley (6-0, 186, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Elliott Harris (6-4, 267, Sr.)
DT	92	Arrion Dixon (6-4, 293, Sr.)
NT	97	Jeremy Harrell (6-2, 291, So.)
DE	15	Jeb Huckeba (6-5, 248, Sr.)
SAM	23	Desmond Sims (6-2, 225, So.)
MKE	46	Clarke Moore (6-2, 246, Jr.)
WIL	17	Marcus Whitmore (6-0, 224, Sr.)
CB	19	Michael Coe (6-1, 177, So.)
CB	2	Chris Houston (5-11, 180, Fr.)
FS	31	Vickiel Vaughn (6-0, 202, Jr.)
SS	21	Lerinezo Robinson (6-0, 191, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	55	Chris Balseiro (6-1, 215, Jr.)
P	48	Jacob Skinner (6-3, 202, So.)

If it weren't for the whole Tommy Tuberville fiasco at Auburn, the tug-of-war that broke out over Razorback coach Houston Nutt between Arkansas and Nebraska would have qualified as the most compelling coaching story of the year.

Nutt, one of the SEC's lower-paid coaches, with a package of about $1 million annually, debuted near the top of Nebraska's list of candidates to replace the fired Frank Solich. Arkansas then finally went all Jerry Maguire on Nutt, raising his salary to $1.2 million plus $300,000 in annual contributions to an annuity to keep him in Fayetteville.

Besides showing him the money, Arkansas also gave Nutt an unwritten promise that he would get at least two years worth of job security to rebuild a Razorbacks program decimated by graduation and early NFL defections like All-America offensive tackle Shane Andrews. Not counting special teams, only four starters return from last year's 9-4 squad. And only one of those, quarterback Matt Jones, is back on offense.

Arkansas led the SEC in rushing the last two years, but lost league-leading rusher Cedric Cobbs and his entire cast of blockers. Still, the running game will be in good care with senior DeCori Birmingham and junior De'Arrius Howard.

The defensive line is a strength, as the Razorbacks return 10 of their top 13 linemen, led by senior end Jeb Huckeba and tackle Arrion Dixon. But seven of the top eight defensive backs must be replaced. Arkansas does bring back a pair of experienced kickers in Chris Balseiro and David Carlton and sophomore punter Jacob Skinner.

The Razorbacks have made six bowl trips in Nutt's six seasons, but making it seven-for-seven against a schedule that includes home games with Texas, Georgia and LSU, as well as trips to Florida and Auburn, will be daunting.

"They will play above their head," the ever-optimistic Nutt says.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium
Capacity: 72,000
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Houston Nutt, 7th Year
Record: 48-27
Career Record: 84-49

Starkville, Miss. PRESEASON RANK 6

Mississippi State BULLDOGS

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.mstateathletics.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Tulane	L	28-31
S.11	Auburn	L	13-45
S.18	Maine		
S.25	@LSU	L	6-41
O.2	@VANDERBILT	W	30-21
O.9	UAB		
O.23	Florida		
O.30	Kentucky	L	17-42
N.6	@ALABAMA	L	0-38
N.20	Arkansas	L	6-52
N.25	@MISSISSIPPI	L	0-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 54/20

OFFENSE

QB	14	Omarr Conner (6-0, 203, So.)
FB	33	Darnell Jones (5-11, 247, Sr.)
HB	12	Jerious Norwood (6-0, 192, Jr.)
LT	77	Richard Burch (6-5, 315, Jr.)
LG	68	Johnny Wadley (6-2, 341, Jr.)
C	73	Brian Anderson (6-5, 309, So.)
RG	69	Will Rogers (6-4, 339, Sr.)
RT	60	David Stewart (6-6, 317, Sr.)
TE	86	Blake Pettit (6-4, 242, So.)
SE	1	McKinley Scott (6-0, 197, Sr.)
FL	11	Joey Sanders (6-1, 205, r-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Deljuan Robinson (6-4, 295, So.)
DT	97	Corey Clark (6-1, 310, r-Fr.)
NT	93	Ronald Fields (6-2, 321, Sr.)
DE	36	Willie Evans (6-2, 255, Jr.)
SLB	29	Clarence McDougal (6-1, 215, Jr.)
MLB	32	Marvin Byrdsong (6-2, 247, Jr.)
WLB	44	Brad Horton (6-0, 225, So.)
CB	3	Adrian Griffin (5-10, 170, So.)
CB	30	Kevin Dockery (5-10, 185, Jr.)
FS	22	Darren Williams (6-2, 199, Jr.)
SS	34	Jeramie Johnson (6-0, 197, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Keith Andrews (6-0, 199, So.)
P	43	Jared Cook (5-10, 191, Sr.)

One day, Sylvester Croom would like people to get beyond the fact that he is the first African-American head football coach in SEC history. Think of him as a merely a football coach and not a pioneer.

"I know it's something that will always be a subject," said Croom, the only new head coach in the league. "I deal with it."

It'll take a real football coach to break a cycle of losing that has seen the Bulldogs go 9-29 over the last three-plus seasons.

Croom brought a West Coast offense with him from the Green Bay Packers, though not all of it will be installed by this season. The Bulldogs must install a starting quarterback to replace Kevin Fant, choosing from among junior Kyle York and sophomores Aries Nelson and Omarr Conner, the latter holding a slim lead going into August.

One of Croom's first duties was to permanently dismiss Nick Turner from the team, State's leading rusher last year with 696 yards and seven touchdowns. But there is still talent in the backfield in the person of junior Jerious Norwood and senior Fred Reid. Senior McKinley Scott has made a rocket rise to fame in the receiver corps, along with Ray Ray Bivines.

Four of five starters return on the offensive line, though junior center Chris McNeil was suspended during spring practice and may be replaced by sophomore Brian Anderson.

The defense was a shambles last season, ranking last in the SEC in total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense and passing defense and allowing 31 or more points 10 times. Seven starters return as the unit goes from a base 4-2-5 alignment to a more traditional 4-3-4 with senior Ronald Fields, one of State's best defenders, moving to the new nose tackle position. Junior linebacker Marvin Byrdsong is the Bulldogs' top returning tackler with 76 stops. The secondary, which had just six interceptions in 2003, must improve.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Davis-Wade Stadium at Scott Field
Capacity: 55,082
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Sylvester Croom, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

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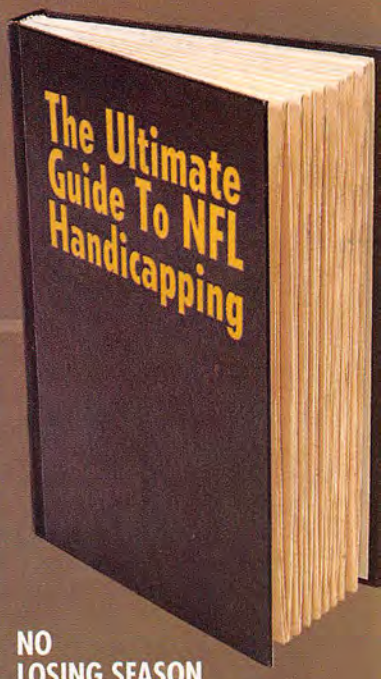

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WAC *Predicted order of finish:*

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
▶p.93	▶p.94	▶p.95	▶p.95	▶p.96	▶p.96	▶p.97	▶p.97	▶p.98	▶p.98

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **John Broussard**, San Jose State
Best hands: **Chad Owens**, WR, Hawaii
Best passing QB: **Timmy Chang**, Hawaii
Best option QB: **Greg Henderson**, Rice
Most elusive RB: **Ryan Moats**, Louisiana Tech
Best instincts: **Andy Avalos**, LB, Boise State
Best under pressure: **Brett Visintainer**, PK, Fresno State
Top NFL prospect: **Timmy Chang**, Hawaii
Top impact freshman: **Vincent Chase**, TE, SMU
Hardest hitter: **Michael LeDet**, LB, Tulsa
Biggest underachiever: **Justin Ayat**, PK, Hawaii

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Dan Hawkins**, Boise State
Best recruiter: **Pat Hill**, Fresno State
Coach on the spot: **Phil Bennett**, SMU

Don't be surprised if ...

The bottom of the WAC rises. One league coach predicted UTEP might find itself in the hunt with new coach Mike Price.

One man's opinion

"We've got some good football teams in our league. Nobody ever talks about it, but our conference was 3-1 in bowl games last year and 2-1 the year before. The Mountain West isn't even close. We're knocking off wins against the BCS teams, the Georgia Techs, the Iowa States, the UCLAs. I think the WAC in football is a lot stronger than people think it is."

—Fresno State coach Pat Hill

Rating the recruits

1. Tulsa
Hurricane added beef and DB Ty Page, who switched from Kansas State.

2. SMU
Among TE Vincent Chase's pursuers were Oklahoma, LSU and Florida.

3. Boise State
Broncos bulked up with 11 linemen—six DLs and five OLs.

4. Louisiana Tech
Juco transfusion should help Bulldogs.

5. Hawaii
Run-and-shoot attracts QBs and WRs.

6. Fresno State
Parade All-American Sean Norton has been compared to former Boise State QB Ryan Dinwiddie.

7. San Jose State
Recruiting class heavy in OLs (eight) and DBs (seven).

8. Nevada
Went juco route for immediate WR help.

9. Rice
Quarterback Tommy Henderson joins older brother Greg on depth chart.

10. UTEP
Former *Parade* All-America RBs Marcus Thomas and Tyler Ebell headline Mike Price's first class.

Official conference Web site: www.wacsports.com

Farewell tour for this version of league begs plenty of WAC-ky questions

By Jimmie Tramel
Tulsa World

The current incarnation of the Western Athletic Conference will remain intact for one more season before another round of membership changes takes effect.

Here are a few questions to ponder on the eve of the farewell tour:

•Will Boise State ever lose another WAC game? The Broncos have won 18 straight league games and can tie Arizona State for the second-longest streak in WAC history if they win a Sept. 18 conference opener at UTEP.

•Who will be the opponent when Hawaii quarterback Timmy Chang becomes the NCAA's career leader in passing yardage. Chang is on pace to surpass current NCAA passing-yardage king Ty Detmer in the sixth game of the season. Game Six is an Oct. 23 home date against San Jose State.

•What will Tulsa do for an encore? The Golden Hurricane forged the biggest turn-around in Division I-A last season, going from 1-11 in 2002 to 8-5. Tulsa's first winning season since 1991 earned coach Steve Kragthorpe a contract extension.

•Will Mike Price make UTEP a winner? Price's reputation was tarnished during his short tenure as Alabama's coach, but Miner fans will throw parades in his honor if he can elevate a long-suffering program.

•Are people noticing that Fresno State, which has taken public relations hits because of lackluster academics, is making positive strides in the classroom? Coach Pat Hill says 44 players produced at least a 3.0 grade-point average last fall and indicated that no player was under 2.0. Hill says he can remember when 42 players were below 2.0. Fresno State ranks second to Rice in Academic All-WAC selections since 1997 and Hill thinks improved brain power is showing up on the field.

•Can Rice get its groove back? The Owls are coming off their first season-ending three-game winning streak since 1973. The margins of victory during last season's streak were 21, 31 and 35 points.

•Does new San Jose State defensive coordinator Keith Burns have Nov. 20 circled on his calendar? Burns spent last year out of football following a forced resignation at Tulsa. He was 7-28 in three years as the Golden Hurricane's head coach. His new team plays his old team on the aforementioned date.

•Did SMU prove that time of possession is the most overrated statistic in football? The Mustangs led the league in that category last season and finished 0-12.

•Can Nevada beat UNLV? The Wolf Pack's inability to defeat the rival Rebels was allegedly a contributing factor in the dismissal of former coach Chris Tormey.

Games to watch

Tulsa at Hawaii, Oct. 2
Chang vs. Kilian ought to be good if you're into passing yardage.

Fresno State at Boise State, Oct. 23
Likely for the 2004 WAC title.

Hawaii at Boise State, Oct. 30
Chang's first start as the NCAA's all-time passing leader.

Street & Smith's ALL-WAC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**James Kilian**, Sr., Tulsa
RB—**Howard Jackson**, Sr., UTEP
RB—**Ryan Moats**, Jr., Louisiana Tech
WR—**Chad Owens**, Sr., Hawaii
WR—**Nate Ilaoa**, So., Hawaii
TE—**Garrett Mills**, Jr., Tulsa
OL—**Harvey Dahl**, Sr. Nevada
OL—**Daryn Colledge**, Jr., Boise State
OL—**Dartagnon Shack**, Jr., Fresno State
OL—**Samson Satele**, So., Hawaii
OL—**Logan Mankins**, Sr., Fresno State
PK—**Tyler Jones**, Sr., Boise State

DEFENSE

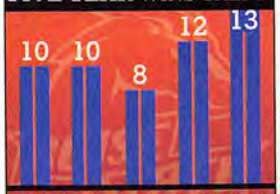
DL—**Julius Roberts**, Sr., Boise State
DL—**Brian Morris**, Sr., Fresno State
DL—**Allan Adami**, Sr., SMU
LB—**Andy Avalos**, Sr., Boise State
LB—**Nick Bunting**, So., Tulsa
LB—**Byron Santiago**, Sr., Louisiana Tech
LB—**Robert Rodriguez**, Sr., UTEP
DB—**Kedrick Alexander**, Jr., Tulsa
DB—**James Sanders**, Jr., Fresno State
DB—**Jermaine Hope**, Sr., Tulsa
DB—**Gabe Franklin**, Sr., Boise State
P—**Jared Scruggs**, So., Rice

STEVE BEYER
James Kilian, QB

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Idaho	W	24-10
S.11	Oregon State	L	24-26
S.18	@UTEP	W	51-21
S.25	Brigham Young	W	50-12
O.2	Southern Methodist	W	45-3
O.16	@TULSA	W	27-20
O.23	Fresno State	W	31-17
O.30	Hawaii	W	45-28
N.13	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	77-14
N.20	Louisiana Tech	W	43-37
N.27	@NEVADA	W	56-3

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 34/19

OFFENSE

QB	2	Michael Sanford (6-4, 213, Sr.)
	5	Jared Zabransky (6-1, 221, So.)
FB	34	Brad Lau (5-11, 235, So.)
	44	Calvin McCarty (5-9, 213, Fr.)
TB	22	Jeff Carpenter (5-9, 206, Jr.)
	33	Jon Helmandollar (5-11, 215, So.)
LT	73	Daryn Colledge (6-5, 272, Jr.)
	63	Derek Kishpaugh (6-3, 259, Sr.)
LG	62	Tad Miller (6-4, 270, Fr.)
	50	Joe Wiegand (6-1, 279, So.)
C	65	Klayton Adams (5-10, 275, Jr.)
	76	Pete Cavender (6-2, 278, Fr.)
RG	70	M.J. Ansel (6-3, 287, Sr.)
	72	Tony Volponi (6-4, 299, So.)
RT	79	Jeff Cavender (6-2, 270, Fr.)
	71	Ryan Keating (6-3, 225, So.)
TE	91	Derek Schouman (6-2, 225, So.)
	80	Andy Weldon (6-3, 243, Sr.)
WR	89	T.J. Acree (5-10, 176, Sr.)
	11	Drisan James (5-11, 177, So.)
WR	9	Lawrence Bady (5-11, 188, Sr.)
	84	Chrisean Christopher (5-11, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	92	Julius Roberts (6-5, 239, Sr.)
	74	Mike Dominguez (6-2, 231, So.)
LT	57	Andrew Browning (6-0, 258, So.)
	75	Dan Gore (6-5, 277, Fr.)
RT	99	Alex Guerrero (6-1, 279, So.)
	58	Ian Smart (6-3, 300, Fr.)
RE	96	Mike Williams (6-2, 239, So.)
	98	Erik Brunken (6-2, 244, Fr.)
SAM	51	Colt Brooks (6-0, 207, So.)
	56	Josh Bean (6-1, 215, Fr.)
MKE	25	Korey Hall (6-0, 228, So.)
	56	Chris Barrios (5-10, 224, Jr.)
WIL	40	Andy Avalos (5-10, 223, Sr.)
	95	Tim Hefty (6-2, 221, Sr.)
CB	16	Gabe Franklin (5-10, 183, Sr.)
	37	Austin Smith (5-9, 165, Fr.)
CB	18	Gerald Alexander (5-11, 179, So.)
	32	Rashan Scott (5-10, 175, Fr.)
FS	27	Cam Hall (6-0, 209, Jr.)
	29	Deshan Cabaong (6-1, 181, Sr.)
ROV	1	Chris Carr (5-9, 180, Sr.)
	48	Robby Jones (5-8, 181, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	85	Tyler Jones (6-1, 209, Sr.)
P	42	Kyle Stringer (5-8, 185, So.)

1 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 13-1 overall, 8-0 WAC *(beat TCU in the Fort Worth Bowl, 34-31)*

Boise State

Boise, Idaho

Official athletic Web site: www.broncosports.com

BRONCOS

Record-setting QB Dinwiddie is gone, but Broncos won't lose any of their buck

It doesn't matter how few starters Boise State returns. Pick the Broncos to win the WAC. That was the lesson Boise State taught everyone last season.

The Broncos ran roughshod through the WAC in 2002, then lost eight offensive starters. With so many holes to fill in 2003, it was logical to assume they would fall from grace or at least suffer a bit of slippage, right?

Wrong.

Boise State reloaded and went unbeaten in league play for a second consecutive season.

There's no reason to pick anyone else to win the WAC until the Broncos prove they can lose a league game. And that hasn't happened since Nov. 3, 2001.

Whether the rest of the nation realizes it or not (and coach Dan Hawkins says he doesn't pay much attention to that kind of stuff), Boise State is dominating the WAC in the same fashion that Florida State historically lords over the rest of the ACC.

Boise State's 18-game winning streak in league games is the third longest in WAC history. Arizona State reeled off 19 in a row from 1969-71 and BYU produced 25 consecutive WAC wins from 1982-85.

But the Broncos aren't just beating league opponents. They have mastered the art of transforming games into avalanches. The average score during the 18-game streak is 42.8-15.6. Boise State set a WAC record last season by winning its eight league games by a 37.3 margin. Ouch.

Anyone want to challenge the Broncos? Anyone?

Fresno State and Hawaii are the most likely contenders, but both must play BSU in Boise. The Broncos have won a nation-leading 18 consecutive home games.

In order to win a third straight WAC title, Boise State will have to restock the depth chart again. The Broncos must replace seven offensive and five defensive starters, including nine players who received postseason honors one year ago.

The offensive skill positions were gutted. Among the departed are quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie (touted as possibly the best player in school history), 1,000-yard rusher David Mikell and 1,000-yard receiver Tim Gilligan.

Hawkins has enough talented replacements waiting in the wings to "think we will be OK." Though Boise State lost both starting receivers, T.J. Acree (team-leading seven TDs last year) and Lawrence Bady (25.0 yards per catch) could challenge for all-league honors.

Sophomore Jared Zabransky, senior Mike Sanford, athletic sophomore Legedu Naanee and redshirt freshman Taylor Tharp competed in the spring for the privilege of replacing Dinwiddie, who set an NCAA career record for pass efficiency and was 30-6 as a starter.

Regardless of which skill position players emerge, expect Hawkins' offensive staff to find a way to put up big numbers. The Broncos led Division I-A in scoring and ranked seventh nationally in total yards last season.

Boise State must replace three offensive-line starters, which is nothing new since the Broncos also replaced three the previous season. Among returnees is Daryn Colledge, who was second-team All-WAC last year. Hawkins wants his offensive linemen to set the tone for a more physical running game.

There are fewer questions on defense. End Julius Roberts, linebacker Andy Avalos and cornerback Gabe Franklin earned All-WAC recognition last season and are among six returning starters from a squad that ranked 12th nationally in scoring defense and total defense last season.

Sophomore Korey Hall was honorable-mention all-league as a rookie and is part of a linebacking unit that is being hailed as perhaps the best in school history. Avalos is a four-year starter who led the team in tackles each of the last two seasons.

Special teams should be solid since kicker Tyler Jones and punter Kyle Stringer return.

Odds are that Hawkins will find a way to plug gaps and keep the program on top. The Broncos, coming off back-to-back top-20 finishes, are not a one-year or two-year wonder. They rank third nationally in winning percentage behind Miami and Oklahoma over the last five seasons.

Since moving to I-A, the program's winning percentage is .677, 11th best of all time. Hawkins credits predecessors Houston Nutt and Dirk Koetter for getting the ball rolling "and we've just been able to maximize that over the years. When you have a tradition of winning, it helps."

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Bronco Stadium **Capacity:** 30,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Dan Hawkins,** 4th Year **Record:** 33-6 **Career Record:** 73-17-1	**Romeo Bandison** (DL), **Ron Collins** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Bryan Harsin** (TEs), **Chris Petersen** (QBs), **Robert Prince** (receivers), **Kent Riddle** (RBs/special teams), **Chris Strausser** (assistant head coach/OL), **Robert Tucker** (recruiting coordinator/CBs)

WAC

PRESEASON RANK **2**

2003 Record: 9-5 overall, 6-2 WAC *(beat UCLA in the Silicon Valley Classic, 17-9)*

Fresno State

Fresno, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.gobulldogs.com

BULLDOGS

With experience all over, plus big-time QB in Pinegar, Hill thinks his 'Dogs are ready to run

Fresno State allegedly endured a down year in 2003 and still won nine games. What goes down must come up.

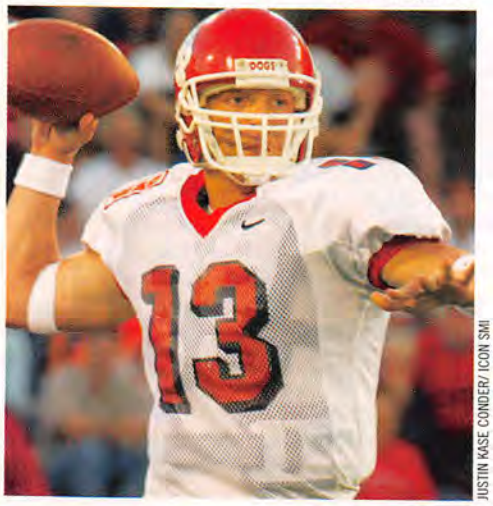
The Bulldogs return 39 of 44 players from last year's season-ending depth chart and coach Pat Hill says his team "is in one of those cycles now where we've got a chance to make a run here in the next couple of years."

Most people would argue that Fresno State, which ranks seventh among Division I-A teams in victories over the last three seasons, is already in the midst of a heck of a run. The Bulldogs have won at least nine games in three consecutive seasons and their five straight bowl appearances ranks second among teams in the Mountain and Pacific time zones.

Those streaks appeared to be in jeopardy when Fresno State started last season 3-4. But sophomore quarterback Paul Pinegar, who missed the first five games with a torn pectoral muscle, recuperated adequately enough to help the Bulldogs win six of their last seven games, including a bowl victory over UCLA.

"I thought by the end of the year we were a pretty darn good football team," says Hill. "We started nine or 10 redshirt freshmen in the bowl game. Youth was served. We opened a lot of bottles of wine before they were really ready, but by the end of the year I was really happy with the way they came on."

***Paul Pinegar**, QB*



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Pinegar, who set a school freshman record for passing yards in 2002, was never completely healthy last year, but completed 61 percent of his attempts in the last five and one-half games. He should benefit from superb protection in 2004 because a young offensive line "could be our best ever," says Hill.

Senior tackle Logan Mankins, a first-team all-league performer two years ago, is back after missing last season with an injury.

"This guy is a brute," says Hill. "Losing him last year was like taking the heart out of our team early."

Dartagnon Shack earned second-team All-WAC honors at tackle during Mankins' absence, but is expected to slide over to a guard position. Center Kyle Young is a reigning Freshman All-American who was named honorable-mention All-WAC.

"I couldn't believe he didn't make all-conference center," says Hill. "He's the best center I've ever coached. He just dominated people."

Dwayne Wright became Fresno State's third consecutive 1,000-yard rusher last season despite working behind a retooled offensive line. Both starting receivers must be replaced, but returnees Jermaine Jamison and Adam Jennings have combined for 107 career catches.

The Bulldogs return eight defensive starters and Hill says the program "has never had the physical size that we are developing now."

Returning players combined for 31 sacks last season, including 11 by Brian Morris and eight by Garrett McIntyre from the defensive end position. Speed will replace experience in the linebacking corps and a young secondary, led by safety James Sanders, is a team strength.

As always, Fresno State will play a difficult non-conference schedule and try to regroup in time for league play. The Bulldogs, who own seven victories over teams from BCS conferences since 2000, will open this season with games at Washington and Kansas State.

"The problem is sometimes putting this team back together in the month of October is very tough because—except for 2001—we usually start out 2-4 or 3-4 and we've got to read all that negative press," says Hill. "That's just the way life is, but we're always trying to patch them back up and make them feel good about themselves."

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Bulldog Stadium **Capacity:** 41,031 **Turf:** Grass	**Pat Hill,** 8th Year **Record:** 55-35 **Career Record:** 55-35	**John Baxter** (associate head coach/WRs/STs), **Dan Brown** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Frank Cignetti** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Kerry Locklin** (DL), **Tom Mason** (LBs), **John Settle** (RBs), **Tim Simons** (TEs), **Randy Stewart** (secondary), **Mark Weber** (OL)

WAC

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	@WASHINGTON		
S.11	@KANSAS STATE		
S.18	Portland State	W	42-16
O.2	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	16-6
O.9	UTEP	W	23-20
O.23	@BOISE STATE	L	17-31
O.30	Southern Methodist	W	20-11
N.6	@RICE	W	31-28
N.13	Hawaii	L	28-55
N.20	Nevada	W	27-10
N.27	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	41-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/12

OFFENSE

QB	13	Paul Pinegar (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	16	Jordan Christensen (6-3, 190, So.)
FB	46	Roshon Vercher (5-11, 245, So.)
	41	Jamal Jones (5-10, 230, Sr.)
TB	32	Dwayne Wright (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	34	Bryson Sumlin (5-10, 193, Jr.)
LT	74	Logan Mankins (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	63	Kawika Edwards (6-4, 300, Sr.)
LG	61	Noa Pouono (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	70	Sean Finnerty (6-3, 305, Jr.)
C	59	Kyle Young (6-5, 320, So.)
	66	Robin Kezirian (6-6, 300, So.)
RG	50	Dartagnon Shack (6-2, 309, Jr.)
	70	Sean Finnerty (6-3, 305, Jr.)
RT	79	Chris Denman (6-6, 260, So.)
	75	Chris Piligian (6-6, 250, r-Fr.)
TE	49	Stephen Spach (6-4, 240, Sr.)
	82	Mark Wood (6-4, 250, Sr.)
WR	84	Joe Fernandez (5-10, 165, So.)
	1	Paul Williams (6-2, 200, So.)
WR	6	Jermaine Jamison (6-3, 190, Jr.)
	18	Adam Jennings (5-10, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Brian Morris (6-1, 260, Sr.)
	47	Claude Sanders (6-3, 230, Sr.)
DT	56	Fai Satele (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	65	Dwayne Ruffin (6-1, 260, Sr.)
NT	99	Donyell Booker (6-2, 305, Sr.)
	98	Louis Leonard (6-4, 330, So.)
DE	71	Garrett McIntyre (6-2, 250, Jr.)
	92	Marlon Brisco (6-3, 240, So.)
OLB	28	Manuel Sanchez (6-1, 215, So.)
	40	Marcus Riley (6-0, 190, r-Fr.)
MLB	51	Dwayne Andrews (6-4, 240, So.)
	44	Kyle Goodman (6-0, 230, Jr.)
OLB	45	Todd Garcia (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	10	Alan Goodwin (6-2, 220, So.)
CB	24	Richard Marshall (5-11, 170, So.)
	27	Awan Diles (5-9, 180, Jr.)
CB	29	Raymond Washington (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	7	Therrian Fontenot (5-11, 190, Sr.)
FS	36	Tyrone Culver (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	32	Josh Sherley (6-0, 185, So.)
SS	23	James Sanders (5-11, 200, Jr.)
	3	Nate Ray (6-1, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	38	Brett Visintainer (6-0, 165, Sr.)
	39	Clint Stitser (6-0, 197, r-Fr.)
P	37	Mike Lingua (6-0, 190, So.)

Honolulu, Hawaii PRESEASON RANK 3

Hawaii
RAINBOW WARRIORS

2003 Record: 9-5 overall, 5-3 WAC *(beat Houston in the Hawaii Bowl, 54-48)*

Official athletic Web site:
www.uhathletics.hawaii.edu

Hey, reader. If you happen to be a defensive coordinator in the WAC, brace yourself for a few scary words.

"I think offensively this year we have a chance to be better than we've ever been," says Hawaii coach June Jones.

Better than ever? At Hawaii, that's saying something.

In Jones' five previous years as head coach, Hawaii ranked fourth or better nationally in passing yards every season. And during the last three seasons the Warriors have ranked seventh or higher nationally in total offense.

Now Jones is talking about being better? The words probably come easy when you return 10 offensive starters from a unit that averaged a WAC-high 488.1 yards per game last year. And it doesn't hurt that Jones has a senior quarterback—Timmy Chang—who is on pace to become the NCAA's all-time leader in passing yardage. Chang needs to throw for 2,218 yards to surpass Ty Detmer's career record of 15,031. Will it be a close call? Probably not. Chang is on pace to reach the milestone midway through this season.

Chang will operate behind a veteran offensive line that could be among the best of the Jones era and Chang has an All-WAC receiver to throw to in Chad Owens, who led the league in catches and receiving yards per game last season.

Returning receivers Britton Komine, Gerald Welch and Jason Rivers combined to catch 144 passes last season. They will be joined by Nate Ilaoa, who missed last season because of a knee injury suffered in the opener. Ilaoa caught 46 passes for 532 yards as a freshman in 2002.

Hawaii's run-and-shoot offense is more shoot than run, but Michael Brewster and 266-pound bulldozer West Keliikipi averaged 7.5 and 6.7 yards per rush last season, respectively.

What is there not to like about Hawaii? The sobering news is that the Warriors may have to light up the scoreboard just to stay a few points ahead of opponents. Almost the entire defense must be replaced.

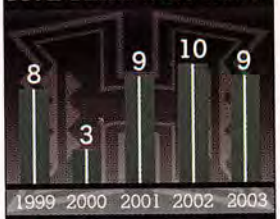
STADIUM INFO:
Name: Aloha Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:
June Jones, 6th Year
Record: 40-25
Career Record: 40-25

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Florida Atlantic		
S.18	@RICE	W	41-21
O.2	Tulsa	L	16-27
O.9	Nevada	L	14-24
O.16	@UTEP	W	31-15
O.23	San Jose State	W	13-10
O.30	@BOISE STATE	L	28-45
N.6	Louisiana Tech	W	44-41
N.13	@FRESNO STATE	W	55-28
N.20	Idaho		
N.27	Northwestern		
D.4	Michigan State		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 58/21

OFFENSE

QB	14	Timmy Chang (6-2, 194, Sr.)
TB	6	Michael Brewster (5-6, 180, Sr.)
LT	70	Tala Esera (6-3, 283, So.)
LG	64	Samson Satele (6-3, 289, So.)
C	59	Derek Faavi (6-1, 273, Jr.)
RG	69	Uriah Moenoa (6-2, 365, Sr.)
RT	66	Brandon Eaton (6-3, 287, Jr.)
WR	9	Britton Komine (5-10, 187, Sr.)
WR	2	Chad Owens (5-9, 174, Sr.)
WR	4	Nate Ilaoa (5-9, 211, So.)
WR	82	Ross Dickerson (5-10, 172, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	95	Darrell Tautofi (6-2, 281, Sr.)
DT	99	Lui Fuga (6-1, 299, Sr.)
DT	94	Abu Ma'afala (6-3, 261, Jr.)
DE	98	Mel Purcell (6-5, 258, Jr.)
STUB	5	Chad Kapanui (6-0, 225, Sr.)
SAM	15	Lono Manners (5-10, 186, Jr.)
MLB	51	Ikaika Curnan (5-11, 218, So.)
WIL	50	Lincoln Manutai (6-0, 224, Sr.)
CB	37	Abraham Elimimian (5-10, 191, Sr.)
CB	24	Kenny Patton (6-0, 181, So.)
FS	42	Leonard Peters (6-1, 181, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	26	Nolan Miranda (5-8, 172, So.)
P	25	Kurt Milne (6-0, 204, So.)

Tulsa, Okla. PRESEASON RANK 4

Tulsa
GOLDEN HURRICANE

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 6-2 WAC

Official athletic Web site:
www.tulsahurricane.com

Tulsa won't be sneaking up on anyone this season.

Last year, in coach Steve Kragthorpe's rookie season, the Golden Hurricane produced its first winning record since 1991.

The breakthrough campaign came from out of the blue. Tulsa, which won a total of two games in two years before Kragthorpe's arrival, was picked to finish last in the WAC. Instead, the Hurricane went 8-5 and finished in a second-place tie with Fresno State.

Tulsa's turnaround was the biggest in Division I-A last season and Kragthorpe was a contender for national Coach-of-the-Year honors.

"We are going to have to play a lot better than we did last year," he says. "The element of surprise is gone. People now view us as a known commodity.

"And this league continues to get better. To compete in the league we are in, the WAC, we are going to have to play excellent football next year to put ourselves in position to be competitive."

Eighteen returning starters, including six who earned first- or second-team All-WAC recognition last season, should permit Tulsa to stay in the league's upper division.

A big offseason priority was improving a run defense that ranked 99th nationally last season. Defensive coordinator Todd Graham, who brought a 3-3-5 scheme from West Virginia, masked run-defense deficiencies well enough during the regular season for Tulsa to rank second among WAC teams in total defense and third among league teams in scoring defense.

Returning All-WAC defensive backs Jermaine Hope and Kedrick Alexander helped the Hurricane rank 11th nationally in pass-efficiency defense and 16th nationally in passing yards allowed. Alexander was the WAC's second-leading tackler last season.

Linebackers Nick Bunting, the WAC's Freshman of the Year last season, and Michael LeDet, a junior-college transfer, made big splashes in their first year at the Division I-A level.

STADIUM INFO:
Name: Skelly Stadium
Capacity: 40,385
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:
Steve Kragthorpe, 2nd Year
Record: 8-5
Career Record: 8-5

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@KANSAS		
S.11	@OKLAHOMA STATE		
S.18	Navy		
S.25	SMS		
O.2	@HAWAII	W	27-16
O.16	Boise State	L	20-27
O.23	@NEVADA	L	21-28
O.30	Rice	W	31-28
N.6	@SO. METHODIST	W	35-16
N.13	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	48-18
N.20	San Jose State	W	34-32
N.27	UTEP	W	56-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/15

OFFENSE

QB	15	James Killian (6-4, 215, Sr.)
TB	23	Uril Parrish (5-9, 202, Jr.)
LT	78	Jeff Perrett (6-7, 312, So.)
LG	71	Matt Black (6-3, 300, Sr.)
C	63	Derek Warehime (6-1, 283, Sr.)
RG	61	Jesse Stoneham (6-4, 315, Jr.)
RT	56	Aaron Danenhauer (6-5, 299, So.)
TE	16	Caleb Blakenship (6-3, 230, Sr.)
TE	20	Garrett Mills (6-2, 224, Jr.)
WR	40	Richard McQuillar (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	13	Jermaine Landrum (5-9, 165, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	97	Brandon Lohr (6-0, 250, Jr.)
NG	96	John Mila (6-3, 329, So.)
DE	95	Josh Walker (6-4, 249, Sr.)
OLB	52	Kevin Hudson (6-1, 223, So.)
MLB	41	Nick Bunting (6-1, 221, So.)
OLB	27	Michael LeDet (6-2, 215, Sr.)
ROV	18	Clint Rountree (6-0, 200, Sr.)
CB	7	Jermaine Hope (5-7, 154, Sr.)
CB	9	Oliver Fletcher (6-1, 175, Sr.)
FS	19	Shannon Carter (6-0, 190, So.)
SS	3	Kedrick Alexander (6-1, 197, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	29	Brad DeVault (6-0, 179, Jr.)
P	5	Chris Kindred (5-11, 204, So.)

Houston, Texas PRESEASON RANK **5**

Rice OWLS

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 5-3 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.riceowls.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Houston	L	14-48
S.18	Hawaii	L	21-41
S.25	@TEXAS	L	7-48
O.2	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	28-24
O.9	Southern Methodist	W	41-20
O.16	@NEVADA	W	52-42
O.23	@NAVY	L	6-38
O.30	@TULSA	L	28-31
N.6	Fresno State	L	28-31
N.13	@UTEP	W	45-14
N.27	Louisiana Tech	W	49-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/14

OFFENSE

QB	5	Greg Henderson (5-10, 190, Sr.)
FB	18	Ed Bailey (5-9, 215, Sr.)
RB	21	Thomas Lott (5-7, 185, Jr.)
RB	7	Joe Moore (5-11, 215, Sr.)
LT	60	Scott Mayhew (6-6, 305, Sr.)
LG	76	Micah Meador (6-2, 285, Sr.)
C	63	Ross Huebel (6-3, 275, Sr.)
RG	55	Greg Wilson (6-4, 325, Sr.)
RT	51	Cotey-Joe Cswaykus (6-4, 305, Sr.)
TE	89	Joe Don Wood (6-2, 240, Jr.)
WR	11	Marcus Battle (5-9, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	47	John Syptak (6-2, 240, Jr.)
DT	97	William Wood (6-3, 290, So.)
NG	90	Jeremy Calahan (6-3, 295, Sr.)
DE	94	Rob Daniel (6-4, 245, Jr.)
SLB	27	Omeke Alikor (6-0, 215, So.)
WLB	48	Adam Herrin (6-1, 225, Jr.)
ROV	10	Terry Holley (6-2, 210, Sr.)
BAN	17	Chad Price (5-11, 200, So.)
CB	8	Lance Byrd (5-11, 185, So.)
CB	6	Dustin Haynes (5-10, 190, Jr.)
FS	2	Andray Downs (5-9, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	12	Brennan Landry (5-9, 185, Jr.)
P	85	Jared Scruggs (6-3, 190, So.)

Rice was among the WAC's hottest teams during the second half of last season.

After starting 1-6, the Owls won four of their last five games to salvage a fourth-place league finish. Only a last-minute loss to Tulsa prevented coach Ken Hatfield's team from sweeping the final five games.

The strong finish carried over into the offseason, according to Hatfield, and Rice—which returns seven starters on each side of the ball—is being viewed as a dark-horse contender.

After averaging 18.3 points in the first seven games, Rice averaged 43 in the last five. In a season-ending victory over Louisiana Tech, the Owls produced a WAC-record 672 rushing yards and school records for total yards (733) and first downs (35).

Rice lost quarterback Kyle Herm and fullback Robbie Beck, who ranks among the top five career rushers in school history, and two all-league offensive linemen. The run-oriented flexbone offense will still have a veteran triggerman because Greg Henderson shared snaps with Herm last season and had the job to himself during an early-season stretch in which Herm was sidelined by a rib injury.

Herm and Henderson guided an offense that ranked second nationally in rushing yards and last in passing yards. Halfback Thomas Lott, who ran for a team-high 714 yards last season, is back to energize the running game. He averaged 7.3 yards per carry last season. If the name sounds familiar, it's because his father, Thomas Lott Sr., quarterbacked great wishbone teams at Oklahoma in the 1970s.

The Owls don't pass often, but when they do it often catches opponents by surprise. Junior receiver Marcus Battle is the only player in school history to lead the team in catches as a freshman and sophomore.

The Owls still have a lot of room for defensive improvement. They ranked 90th or worse nationally in scoring defense, total defense and rushing defense.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Rice Stadium **Capacity:** 70,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Ken Hatfield,** 11th Year **Record:** 51-60-1 **Career Record:** 164-122-4

Reno, Nev. PRESEASON RANK **6**

Nevada WOLF PACK

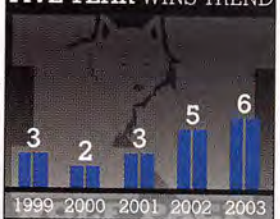
2003 Record: 6-6 overall, 4-4 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.nevadawolfpack.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Sacramento State		
S.11	@SAN DIEGO STATE		
S.18	Buffalo		
O.2	@UNLV	L	12-16
O.9	@HAWAII	W	24-14
O.16	Rice	L	42-52
O.23	Tulsa	W	28-21
O.30	@LOUISIANA TECH	L	34-42
N.6	San Jose State	W	42-30
N.13	@SO. METHODIST	W	12-9
N.20	@FRESNO STATE	L	10-27
N.27	Boise State	L	3-56

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/20

OFFENSE

QB	3	Jeff Rowe (6-5, 218, So.)
RB	23	Chance Kretschmer (6-1, 210, Sr.)
LT	68	Adam Kiefer (6-4, 300, Jr.)
LG	67	John Tennert (6-2, 295, Sr.)
C	77	Kyle Gosselin (6-2, 275, Jr.)
RG	62	Chris Hines (6-2, 285, Sr.)
RT	74	Harvey Dahl (6-5, 205, Sr.)
WR	87	Caleb Spencer (6-1, 180, So.)
WR	84	Nichiren Flowers (6-3, 210, Jr.)
WR	86	Tony Moll (6-4, 260, Jr.)
WR	5	Dell McGee (6-0, 185, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Craig Bailey (6-4, 260, Jr.)
DT	95	Chris Barry (6-3, 285, Sr.)
DT	96	P.J. Hoeper (6-3, 285, Jr.)
DE	91	J.J. Milan (6-4, 260, Jr.)
SAM	9	Jamaal Jackson (5-11, 225, Jr.)
MKE	52	Nick Fuhr (6-3, 235, r-Fr.)
WLB	4	Shawn Tagatauli (6-0, 230, Sr.)
CB	35	Paul Pratt (5-10, 185, So.)
CB	14	Steven Murphy (5-10, 180, So.)
FS	39	Keone Kauo (5-11, 190, Sr.)
SS	28	Nick Hawthorne (6-0, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	36	Damon Fine (5-6, 150, Sr.)
P		Justin Bergendahl (6-2, 210, Jr.)

Athletic Director Chris Ault didn't like the direction the Nevada football program was heading, so he demoted himself.

Sort of.

Ault fired coach Chris Tormey and found a successor in the mirror. Ault stepped down as athletic director in order to become the Wolf Pack's football coach. Again.

This will be Ault's third go-round as the school's head coach. He served in that capacity from 1976-92 and from 1994-95, producing a 163-63-1 record with seven conference titles. He is the most successful coach in the program's history and is a member of the National College Football Hall of Fame.

Why did Ault dust off the playbook? Perhaps Reno's lord of championship rings was anxious to complete a trilogy.

Ault's return and Tormey's dismissal both came as a bit of a surprise. Tormey raised his victory total in each of his four seasons at the helm. He led Nevada to a 5-2 start last year, including the first victory over a Pac-10 team (Washington) since 1947.

But a late-season slide, an 0-4 record against rival UNLV and a failure to produce a winning record led Ault to pull the plug on Tormey.

Ault, 57, will go the throwback route and re-implement a wide-open "Air Wolf" offense and an attack-style defense. He inherits seven returning offensive starters and six defensive starters.

Chief among offensive returnees are running back Chance Kretschmer and linemen Harvey Dahl and Chris Hines, all of whom were named All-WAC last season. Kretschmer led the nation in rushing in 2001 and is the fourth-leading rusher in school history (2,969 yards). Dahl is on the Lombardi Award watch list.

Quarterbacks Jeff Rowe and Andy Heiser both have starting experience. Rowe missed most of last year due to a medical redshirt season and Heiser started 10 games.

The loss of three all-league defensive players—Jorge Cordova, Derek Kennard and Daryl Towns—means there are big shoes that must be filled.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Mackay Stadium **Capacity:** 31,545 **Turf:** Artificial	**Chris Ault,** 21st Year **Record:** 163-63-1 **Career Record:** 163-63-1

Ruston, La. PRESEASON RANK 7

Louisiana Tech BULLDOGS

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.latechsports.com

The bad news is that Louisiana Tech must replace quarterback Luke McCown, the fourth-leading passer in Division I-A history.

The good news is that McCown's successor will have a pretty good running mate.

Junior running back Ryan Moats is coming off a breakout season in which he ran for 1,300 yards, 51 shy of a school record. Moats led the WAC and ranked 19th nationally in rushing, even though an injury in the season opener prevented him from becoming the Bulldogs' feature back until five games into the 2003 season. He reeled off six straight 100-yard games late in the year. Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Drew Pearson, a former Golden Hurricane great, was in attendance when Moats ran for 220 yards in a loss to Tulsa and sought out Moats on the field afterward to offer praise.

The return of Moats and the entire starting offensive line should create a nice working environment for whoever becomes Tech's new quarterback. Oklahoma transfer Brent Rawls, a former high school All-American, is among the participants in a quarterback derby, but a broken hand sabotaged his availability for spring drills. Redshirt freshman Zac Champion (gotta like the name), junior Matt Kubik and junior Donald Allen also are in a race that coach Jack Bicknell III has described as wide-open. Bicknell says he may not know who will start until the season opener arrives.

"I think I've got some guys that can do it and I think all four of them are definitely guys we can win with," he says. "It just depends on how good they can be in a game situation."

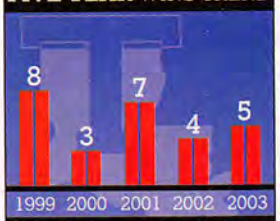
Louisiana Tech returns eight starters on both sides of the ball. Offense is usually not a problem for a program that ranked 25th nationally in total yards last season. Defense? That's a different matter.

Bicknell hired veteran coach Tim Rose to tune up a defense that ranked last nationally in yards allowed (510.5 per game).

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	34-3
S.18	@MIAMI (FL)	L	9-48
S.25	@TENNESSEE		
O.2	Fresno State	L	6-16
O.9	@AUBURN		
O.16	@SO. METHODIST	W	41-6
O.23	UTEP	W	38-35
O.30	Nevada	W	42-34
N.6	@HAWAII	L	41-44
N.13	Tulsa	L	18-48
N.20	@BOISE STATE	L	37-43
N.27	@RICE	L	14-49

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 54/19

OFFENSE

QB	13	Matt Kubik (6-3, 211, Jr.)
RB	20	Ryan Moats (5-9, 201, Jr.)
TE	84	Aaron Capps (6-6, 262, Sr.)
LT	68	Lester Brown (6-5, 315, Sr.)
LG	64	Aaron Lips (6-5, 309, Jr.)
C	56	Marcus Stewart (6-2, 300, Jr.)
RG	55	Jordan Lang (6-4, 297, Sr.)
RT	72	Adrian Gonzalez (6-6, 317, Sr.)
WR	88	Tramissian Davis (6-0, 185, Sr.)
WR	22	Juluis Cosby (6-1, 205, Sr.)
WR	19	Erick Franklin (5-11, 180, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	Jemelle Cage (6-1, 290, Sr.)
NT	96	Chris Van Hoy (6-4, 308, Sr.)
DT	45	Travon Brown (6-2, 260, Sr.)
SAM	42	Byron Santiago (6-2, 222, Sr.)
MKE	52	T.J. Jackson (6-0, 237, Sr.)
WIL	8	Jeremy Hamilton (5-11, 210, Jr.)
BUCK	47	John Nash (6-0, 245, Sr.)
CB	24	Jerron Wishom (6-0, 195, Sr.)
CB	1	Corey Brazil (5-8, 190, Sr.)
FS	27	Lee Johnson (6-2, 210, Sr.)
SS	21	Michael Johnson (5-10, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	30	Zach Myatt (5-10, 177, r-Fr.)
P		David Black (6-0, 180, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Joe Aillet Stadium
Capacity: 30,600
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Jack Bicknell III, 6th Year
Record: 27-32
Career Record: 27-32

El Paso, Texas PRESEASON RANK 8

UTEP MINERS

2003 Record: 2-11 overall, 1-7 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.utepathletics.com

Few college football programs can match Texas-El Paso's lack of tradition.

UTEP has managed just one winning seasons since 1988.

A failure to sustain success caught up with former coach Gary Nord, who was released after posting a 2-11 record last season. Nord won a WAC championship in his first year at the helm, but his four-year record was 14-34.

Nord believed he was setting up the program for long-term success by skipping a quick-fix approach. He preached the importance of avoiding junior-college recruits in favor of stocking the program with high school prospects. But the patience of fans and media ran out as losses mounted.

The new head coach is preaching instant gratification.

"We want to win as quickly as possible," says Mike Price. "I don't have a five-year plan; I have a six-month plan. We try to win every game. That has always been my philosophy."

Price, former Washington State and Alabama head coach, returns to college football following a one-year exile. He was forced out at Alabama before coaching a single game because of a nationally publicized off-the-field incident involving strippers.

Price says he feels "reborn" as a football coach and is excited about an opportunity to start anew. Don't be surprised if he makes a big impact right away.

"If you are going to make a splash, it is usually Year One," says a WAC head coach. "And he's got a lot of returning players and they are very hungry and they are looking for a change. Those are the ideal situations to come into, just like (Steve) Kragthorpe came into at Tulsa."

Upgraded facilities and a stocked cupboard of players will give Price a chance to be a hero. The Miners return 19 starters and 58 lettermen. Only 10 lettermen were lost.

Price will have to change the mind-set of returning players. Snake-bitten UTEP suffered 40 giveaways last season to rank 108th nationally in turnover margin.

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	@ARIZONA STATE		
S.11	Weber State		
S.18	Boise State	L	21-51
O.2	New Mexico State		
O.9	@FRESNO STATE	L	20-23
O.16	Hawaii	L	15-31
O.23	@LOUISIANA TECH	L	35-38
O.30	@SAN JOSE STATE	L	41-69
N.13	Rice	L	14-45
N.20	Southern Methodist	W	21-19
N.27	@TULSA	L	28-56

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 58/10

OFFENSE

QB	19	Omar Duarte (6-2, 190, Sr.)
TB	4	Howard Jackson (5-10, 155, Sr.)
LT	74	Josh House (6-4, 290, Jr.)
LG	79	Jose Garcia (6-4, 310, Jr.)
C	61	Andy Smith (6-4, 296, So.)
RG	64	Ben Graniello (6-2, 291, Sr.)
RT	75	Robert Espinosa (6-3, 312, Sr.)
TE	83	Jonas Crafts (6-4, 250, Sr.)
WR	80	Chris Francies (6-2, 190, Jr.)
WR	10	Chris Marrow (5-8, 165, So.)
FL	23	Aaron Givens (6-2, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	41	Reggie Miles, Jr. (6-2, 235, So.)
DT	56	Justin Hanel (6-3, 285, So.)
DT	63	Zach West (6-4, 300, So.)
DE	96	Brandon Johnson (6-3, 225, Jr.)
LB	43	Robert Rodriguez (6-1, 235, Sr.)
LB	40	Thomas Howard (6-3, 225, Jr.)
LB	45	Godwin Akinduro (6-3, 215, Sr.)
CB	3	Adrian Ward (5-10, 170, Sr.)
CB	6	Jahmal Fenner (5-8, 180, Sr.)
FS	25	Joe Flekoski (6-1, 190, So.)
SS	32	Mike Perez (6-1, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	38	Keith Robinson (5-10, 220, Sr.)
P	48	Bryce Benekos (6-5, 185, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Sun Bowl
Capacity: 51,500
Turf: Artificial

HEAD COACH:

Mike Price, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 129-121

San Jose, Calif. PRESEASON RANK 9

San Jose State SPARTANS

2003 Record: 3-8 overall, 2-6 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.sjsuspartans.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@SAN DIEGO STATE		
S.11	@STANFORD	L	10-31
S.18	Morgan State		
S.25	@SO. METHODIST	W	31-14
O.2	Rice	L	24-28
O.9	@WASHINGTON		
O.23	@HAWAII	L	10-13
O.30	UTEP	W	69-41
N.6	@NEVADA	L	30-42
N.13	Boise State	L	14-77
N.20	@TULSA	L	32-34
N.27	Fresno State	L	7-41

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 8
Lettermen returning/lost: 35/30

OFFENSE

QB	12	Dale Rogers (6-2, 239, Sr.)
TB	31	Lance Martin (5-10, 209, Sr.)
LT	79	William Obeng (6-6, 307, Sr.)
LG	66	Marcel Burrough (6-6, 252, Jr.)
C	76	Matt Cantu (6-3, 290, So.)
RG	72	Chad Lerette (6-4, 303, Jr.)
RT	73	Osmar Staples (6-5, 328, Sr.)
TE		Bryan Watje (6-4, 250, Jr.)
WR	80	Rufus Skillern (6-1, 183, Jr.)
WR	89	Casey Miranda (5-10, 177, Sr.)
WR	81	John Broussard (6-1, 165, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	54	Larnell Ransom (6-0, 253, Jr.)
DT	99	Eddie Brown (6-3, 319, Sr.)
DT	69	Kinji Green (6-2, 275, Jr.)
DE	94	Sean McNamara (6-5, 214, Sr.)
LB	44	Jamonte Cox (5-11, 216, Jr.)
LB	26	Ezekiel Staples (5-11, 203, Jr.)
CB	4	Trestin George (5-9, 178, Jr.)
CB	39	Marshall Hendricks (5-11, 171, Sr.)
S	21	Eric Wilson (5-9, 202, Jr.)
S	15	Brian Nunez (5-11, 176, Jr.)
S	33	Josh Powell (6-3, 202, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Jeff Carr (6-1, 202, Sr.)
P	6	Waylon Prather (6-3, 228, Fr.)

Sure, San Jose State is coming off a 3-8 season. Yes, the Spartans only return two offensive and five defensive starters.

Look hard enough, however, and you will find big-picture progress. For instance, fourth-year coach Fitz Hill expects to have 77 scholarship players at his disposal when fall camp is launched.

Hill says San Jose State had only 60 scholarship players two seasons ago. In terms of scholarship manpower, the Spartans were essentially a I-AA program participating at the I-A level.

Says Hill: "We have talked about how if someone from the NCAA came in here and looked at us, they would say 'you are already on probation. We don't need to cut them any scholarships.' That's what we are dealing with—a self-imposed probation."

A "very planned effort" will allow San Jose State to finally reach the NCAA's 85-player scholarship limit in 2005, according to Hill. In the meantime, the depth-impaired Spartans have held their own in some games and failed to do so in most.

San Jose State struggled to keep pace last season. The Spartans' only victories over I-A competition came at the expense of UTEP and SMU, who combined to go 2-23.

Can the Spartans be significantly better in 2004? It's a tall order.

Quarterback Scott Rislov, who ranked 17th nationally in total offense last season, is among nine offensive starters who must be replaced and a statistically poor defense will have to be upgraded.

San Jose State has ranked among the nation's worst teams in total defense and scoring defense in each of Hill's previous seasons. Admittedly an offense-minded coach, Hill hired former Tulsa head coach Keith Burns to coordinate the defense.

The race to replace Rislov should prove interesting. The quarterback derby began in the spring with six contestants who had combined to throw 23 passes at the major-college level. Hill expressed a desire to quickly whittle down the number of contenders.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Spartan Stadium **Capacity:** 31,218 **Turf:** Grass	**Fitz Hill,** 4th Year **Record:** 12-24 **Career Record:** 12-24

Dallas, Texas PRESEASON RANK 10

Southern Methodist MUSTANGS

2003 Record: 0-12 overall, 0-8 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.smumustangs.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Texas Tech	L	10-58
S.11	@TCU	L	13-20
S.18	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	6-52
S.25	San Jose State	L	14-31
O.2	@BOISE STATE	L	3-45
O.9	@RICE	L	20-41
O.16	Louisiana Tech	L	6-41
O.30	@FRESNO STATE	L	11-20
N.6	Tulsa	L	16-35
N.13	Nevada	L	9-12
N.20	@UTEP	L	19-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/12

OFFENSE

QB	7	Chris Phillips (6-3, 220, So.)
FB	20	Derron Brown (5-10, 215, Sr.)
TB	33	Richard Massey (5-11, 210, Fr.)
LT	58	Darrin Johnson (6-6, 292, So.)
LG	50	Caleb (6-4, 285, Fr.)
C	62	Brad Kieschnick (6-3, 290, Jr.)
RG	70	Townsend Hargis (6-4, 300, Sr.)
RT	78	Chris Urbanus (6-5, 310, So.)
TE	36	Derek Swofford (6-3, 231, Sr.)
WR	10	Matt Rushbrooks (5-10, 182, Sr.)
WR	18	Jay'Mond Cleveland (5-11, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Melvin Williams (6-2, 245, Sr.)
DT	14	Allan Adami (6-4, 276, Sr.)
DT	96	Desmond Jones (6-1, 194, So.)
DE	40	Justin Rogers (6-4, 233, So.)
SAM	11	Cory Muse (6-3, 213, Fr.)
MKE	53	Reggie Carrington (6-1, 242, So.)
WIL	51	Cole Horton (6-5, 220, So.)
CB	26	Rolando Humphrey (5-9, 170, Jr.)
CB	12	Charles Akinyemi (5-8, 1985, Jr.)
FS	27	Alvin Nnabuife (6-1, 209, Jr.)
SS	16	Jamey Harper (6-1, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	31	Chris McMurtray (6-1, 220, Jr.)
P	41	Ryan Mentzel (6-0, 193, Jr.)

Can anyone dispute that SMU suffered the biggest double dose of adversity in college football history?

The football program was once dealt the NCAA's "death penalty" and, shortly after resurrection, revenue streams withered because the school was left behind by former Southwest Conference members.

And, despite it all, SMU still could boast that it had a winning football program.

Until now.

The Mustangs went 0-12 last season and the program's all-time record fell below .500—423 wins, 434 losses and 54 ties.

Heads usually roll after a season that dreadful. Coach Phil Bennett hired a new offensive coordinator (Rusty Burns) and new offensive line coach (Ronnie Vinklarek) to pep up a unit that ranked last nationally in scoring and total yards.

Burns, formerly offensive coordinator at Cincinnati, helped the Bearcats set school records for passing yards, total offense and points in 2002. The Mustangs will have to get better under Burns because it would be hard to get worse.

SMU scored only 13 offensive touchdowns last season and the offense was a one-trick pony. Sure, graduated tailback Keylon Kincade carried 317 times for 1,280 yards, but the offensive approach was so one-dimensional that stacked defenses limited the Mustangs to a WAC-low 3.1 yards per rush.

It's easy to understand why SMU didn't put the ball in the air more often. Remember the old coaching adage that three things can happen when you throw a pass and two of them are bad? That was definitely the case with the Mustangs.

Despite attempting the second-fewest passes by a WAC team, SMU permitted a league-high sack total and suffered 15 interceptions, fifth most in the league.

Bennett vows that the Mustangs will be more diverse this season and it helps when you have weapons like freshman Vincent Chase, regarded as the top prospect at tight end in Texas as a high school senior.

The Mustangs do return 22 players with starting experience.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: Gerald J. Ford Stadium **Capacity:** 32,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Phil Bennett,** 3rd Year **Record:** 3-21 **Career Record:** 3-21

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Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Steve Savoy**, Utah
Best hands: **Earvin Johnson**, UNLV
Best passing QB: **Alex Smith**, Utah
Best option QB: **Adam Fitch**, Air Force
Most elusive RB: **DonTrell Moore**, New Mexico
Best instincts: **Aaron Francisco**, DB, BYU
Best athlete: **Jamaal Brimmer**, DB, UNLV
Best under pressure: **Alex Smith**, Utah
Top NFL prospect: **Lynell Hamilton**, RB, SDSU
Top impact freshman: **Dion Morton**, WR, Colorado State
Hardest hitter: **Kirk Morrison**, LB, San Diego State
Biggest underachiever: **Marty Johnson**, RB, Utah

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Sonny Lubick**, Colorado State
Best recruiter: **Urban Meyer**, Utah
Coach on the spot: **Gary Crowton**, BYU

Don't be surprised if ...

A team picked to finish in the bottom half of the league—like Utah last year—wins it again.
This league may not be great, but it is balanced.

One man's opinion

"I've coached at Notre Dame and Ohio State. The difference in talent levels between those schools and the Mountain West schools—at least for the first teams—is nothing. The bigger schools have more depth, but first teams against first teams are pretty even."

—Utah coach Urban Meyer

Rating the recruits

1. Utah
Two jucos will make early impact: OL Paul Soliai and RB Quinton Ganther. Brian Johnson is QB of the future.

2. San Diego State
Transfers Christopher Pino and Taylor Schmidt will help shore up the offensive line.

3. Colorado State
Large, talented class headlined by a pair of Floyds: RB Jamaal Floyd and DT Cleodis Floyd.

4. BYU
Added much-needed speed and depth at WR with transfers Joe Griffin and Todd Watkins.

5. UNLV
Linebacker Dan Rankin and DB Jeff Brown highlight the incoming freshman class.

6. Wyoming
Juco running back Joe Harris will compete for a starting job immediately.

7. New Mexico
Lobos kept top local prep talent like RBs Rodney Ferguson and Matthew Quillen home.

8. Air Force
Who knows how good this class will be? Falcons don't sign letters-of-intent.

Official conference Web site: www.themwc.com

While waiting for boost from Horned Frogs, MWC will watch Utes run to the top again

By Loren Jorgensen
The (Salt Lake City) Deseret Morning News

The biggest football news in the Mountain West Conference during the offseason will have no bearing on play during 2004. It could make for a much different story line in 2005 and beyond, however.

The MWC invited Texas Christian to join and the Horned Frogs accepted that invitation—but it won't take effect for another year. Still, adding TCU is good news for the MWC. Not only will it help even out the schedule—each team will have four home and four road conference games—but it will give the league a shot in the arm from a competitive standpoint. The Horned Frogs, with a 21-4 record the past two seasons, unquestionably have one of the top non-BCS football programs in the nation.

Meanwhile, the upcoming season will feature just the original eight MWC members. The league brass likes to believe it's the best of the five non-BCS Division I-A conferences. Maybe so, but it hasn't done much to prove that fact in the postseason the past two years. Mountain West members are 1-5 since 2002 in bowl games, with the only win being Utah's Liberty Bowl victory last December over Southern Mississippi.

Five of the eight MWC schools are breaking in new starting quarterbacks this year. Each team has significant graduation holes to fill. Frankly, only Utah will enter the season looking like it could be a team with legitimate Top 25 aspirations.

That's not to say that the MWC will just be Utah and the Seven Dwarfs, however. The league may not be particularly strong on a national scale, but it is certainly solid. And there is little difference among the teams. Last season all eight entered November with the chance to be bowl-eligible. Six finished at .500 or better.

It should be more of the same this year, as MWC teams fight tooth-and-nail to secure spots in the Liberty, Las Vegas and Emerald (San Francisco) bowls. While those games may seem like consolation prizes to schools from better leagues, getting to a bowl game—any bowl game—is still a big deal in the Mountain West.

Games to watch

Air Force at UNLV, Sept. 18
MWC opener will help determine a dark-horse candidate for the league title

Utah at New Mexico, Oct. 2
Defending champion Utes will try to avenge their only league loss last season.

Colorado State at Utah, Nov. 6
The league title will likely still be on the line as two of the favorites battle in Salt Lake.

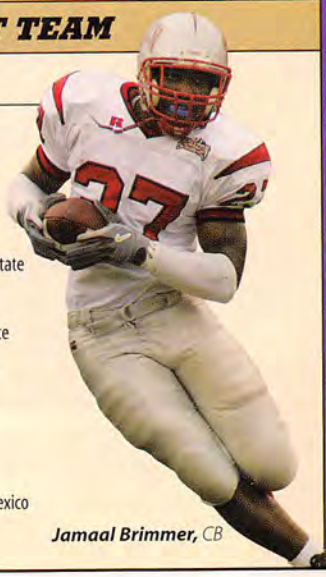
Street & Smith's ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Alex Smith**, Jr., Utah
RB—**DonTrell Moore**, Jr., New Mexico
RB—**Lynell Hamilton**, So., San Diego State
WR—**David Anderson**, Jr. Colorado State
WR—**Paris Warren**, Sr., Utah
TE—**Daniel Coats**, So., BYU
OL—**Claude Terrell**, Sr., New Mexico
OL—**Erik Pears**, Sr., Colorado State
OL—**Ryan Cook**, Jr., New Mexico
OL—**Mike Kracalik**, Sr., San Diego State
OL—**Chris Kemoeatu**, Sr., Utah
PK—**Wes Zunker**, Sr., New Mexico
RS—**Bo Nagahi**, Sr., Utah

DEFENSE

DL—**Brady Poppinga**, Sr., BYU
DL—**Steve Fifita**, Jr., Utah
DL—**Kyle Coulter**, Sr., New Mexico
DL—**Zach Morris**, Sr., Wyoming
LB—**Kirk Morrison**, Sr., San Diego State
LB—**Adam Seward**, Sr., UNLV
LB—**Matt McCoy**, Jr., San Diego State
LB—**John Rudzinski**, Sr., Air Force
DB—**Jamaal Brimmer**, Sr., UNLV
DB—**Aaron Francisco**, Sr., BYU
DB—**Morgan Scalley**, Sr., Utah
DB—**Gabriel Fulbright**, Jr., New Mexico
P—**Matt Payne**, Sr., BYU


Jamaal Brimmer, CB

MOUNTAIN WEST

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 10-2 overall, 6-1 MWC *(beat Southern Miss. in the Liberty Bowl, 17-0)*

Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

Official athletic Web site: www.utahutes.com

UTES

Don't forget Paris—or Utes—when compiling a list of the NCAA's best this season

Most of the parts that figured prominently in Utah's 10-2 conference-championship season in 2003 return. Urban Meyer is back for his second year as coach of the Utes. Junior quarterback Alex Smith should be even more comfortable in the team's complex offense. The defense, which blanked each of its final two opponents, should again be stingy.

In fact, a league-high 17 starters return from just the second Utah team to ever reach double figures in wins.

A major difference, however, will be the bull's-eye on the Utes' backs. A year ago Utah was universally expected to be a second-division finisher in the league. It had a new coach, a new system and the fewest returning starters in the MWC. The conference season may have been half over before opponents realized the Utes were for real.

Paris Warren, *WR*

KENT HORNER/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

This season will be vastly different. Meyer knows Utah will enter the season with expectations sky-high.

"I'd much rather be picked to win the conference than to be picked to finish last," Meyer says. "If you're picked last it means you aren't a very good team. . . . We could have a pretty good team."

The Utes could be a better team than last season, however, and finish with a worse record. Utah had many bounces go its way a year ago, winning five games by a touchdown or less.

In Smith, the MWC's most accurate passer last season, and receiver Paris Warren, the league's leader in receptions, the Utes have a couple of key offensive playmakers returning. Smith completed 65 percent of his passes with 15 TDs and only three interceptions. Speedy Steve Savoy and sure-handed Travis LaTendresse give Smith two additional veterans to throw to. Junior-college transfer Fano Tagovailoa was recruited as a safety, but was moved over to offense during spring ball. He's going to be a "slash" player, as both a wide receiver and a curveball quarterback who can run the option and throw the ball out of Utah's shotgun formation.

The offensive line returns four starters, led by guard Chris Kemoeatu, perhaps the team's top NFL prospect. The biggest offensive hole to fill is at running back, following the graduation of Brandon Warfield. Sophomore Mike Liti and Junior College All-American Quinton Ganther will battle for the job in the team's one-back set. Also in the mix is star-crossed senior Marty Johnson, who had 405 yards rushing in the first two games of 2002 to lead the nation before injuries and suspensions for DUI convictions kept him from playing the remainder of that season and '03.

The defense, long a Ute strength, should be solid once again. Seven starters return, including safety Morgan Scalley, lineman Steve Fifita and linebacker Spencer Toone. Jason Kaufusi, a two-time all-league selection, may be back for his senior year if his injured shoulder allows it.

The schedule looks favorable for the Utes, as they have four league home games—including Colorado State, Air Force and BYU—with just three on the road. The non-conference slate of Texas A&M, at Arizona, North Carolina and at Utah State will push them without killing them.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Rice-Eccles Stadium **Capacity:** 45,634 **Turf:** Grass	**Urban Meyer,** 2nd Year **Record:** 10-2 **Career Record:** 27-8	**Kyle Whittingham** (def. coordinator/safeties), **Mike Sanford** (off. coordinator/RBs), **Gary Andersen** (DL), **Kurt Barber** (LBs), **Billy Gonzales** (WRs), **John Hevesy** (OL), **Dan Mullen** (QBs), **Keith Uperesa** (TEs), **Chuck Heater** (CBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.2	Texas A&M	L	26-28
S.11	@ARIZONA		
S.18	@UTAH STATE	W	40-20
S.25	Air Force	W	45-43 (OT)
O.2	@NEW MEXICO	L	35-47
O.16	North Carolina		
O.23	UNLV	W	28-10
O.30	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	27-6
N.6	Colorado State	W	28-21
N.13	@WYOMING	W	47-17
N.20	Brigham Young	W	3-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/14

OFFENSE

QB	11	Alex Smith (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	9	Brigham Au (6-1, 216, Jr.)
TB	20	Mike Liti (6-0, 210, So.)
	43	Joe Johnson (5-7, 185, Fr.)
LT	78	Tavo Tupola (6-4, 299, So.)
	69	Jason Boone (6-3, 284, Fr.)
LG	73	Steve Dahl (6-5, 358, So.)
	75	Eric Pettit (6-3, 294, So.)
C	55	Andrew Johnson (6-2, 300, Jr.)
	79	Jesse Boone (6-4, 205, Jr.)
RG	68	Chris Kemoeatu (6-4, 339, Sr.)
	71	Mitch Arquette (6-4, 307, So.)
RT	70	Makai Aalona (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	74	David Dirkmaat (6-7, 300, Jr.)
TE	39	Jon Clark (6-4, 225, Jr.)
	97	Willie Sao (6-3, 260, So.)
WR	82	Paris Warren (6-2, 212, Sr.)
	85	Rob Gueck (5-8, 182, So.)
WR	86	Steve Savoy (5-11, 187, So.)
	23	John Madsen (6-4, 220, Jr.)
WR	88	Travis LaTendresse (6-1, 199, Sr.)
	4	Jerome Wright (6-0, 179, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Marquess Ledbetter (6-2, 242, Jr.)
	53	Reza Williams (6-3, 238, Sr.)
DT	90	Sione Pouha (6-3, 303, Sr.)
	72	Paueli Tamasoa (6-0, 305, Jr.)
NG	94	Steve Fifita (6-0, 302, Jr.)
	96	Tevita Kemoeatu (6-2, 307, Sr.)
DE	91	Jonathan Fanene (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	92	Tony Castaldi (6-2, 236, Fr.)
LB	9	Spencer Toone (6-2, 234, Jr.)
	40	Tommy Hackenbruck (6-1, 220, Sr.)
LB	38	Aaron Bryant (6-1, 232, Sr.)
	40	Tommy Hackenbruck (6-1, 220, Sr.)
LB	93	Corey Dodds (6-3, 224, Sr.)
	95	Alex Puccinelli (6-1, 222, Fr.)
CB	32	Eric Weddle (5-11, 194, So.)
	34	Gerald Fletcher (5-9, 167, Sr.)
CB	21	Shaun Harper (5-9, 179, So.)
	29	Ryan Smith (5-10, 160, Fr.)
FS	25	Morgan Scalley (5-10, 197, Sr.)
	41	Grady Marshall (5-11, 205, Jr.)
SS	11	Kawika Casco (5-10, 196, Sr.)
	2	Antonio Young (5-11, 194, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

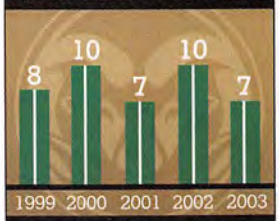
PK	7	Bryan Borreson (5-10, 194, Jr.)
P	19	Matt Kovacevich (6-0, 193, Sr.)
	7	Bryan Borreson (5-10, 194, Jr.)

MOUNTAIN WEST

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@COLORADO	L	35-42
S.11	@USC		
S.18	Minnesota		
S.25	Montana State		
O.2	Brigham Young	W	58-13
O.16	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	21-6
O.22	Wyoming	L	28-35
O.30	New Mexico	L	34-37
N.6	@UTAH	L	21-28
N.13	UNLV	W	24-23
N.20	@AIR FORCE	W	30-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 36/20

OFFENSE

QB	8	Justin Holland (6-3, 201, Jr.)
	19	Joey Kearney (6-0, 189, So.)
TB	18	Jimmy Green (5-11, 225, Jr.)
	20	Marcus Houston (6-2, 206, Sr.)
LT	63	Mike Brisiel (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	79	Dan Crews (6-4, 314, r-Fr.)
LG	76	Josh Day (6-4, 296, So.)
	71	Patrick Majcher (6-3, 287, r-Fr.)
C	77	Albert Bimper (6-1, 303, Jr.)
	53	Jassem Redha (6-3, 310, So.)
RG	76	Jason Haskell (6-3, 280, So.)
	54	Ryan Burgess (6-2, 286, r-Fr.)
RT	74	Erik Pears (6-8, 315, Sr.)
	72	Justin Tyler (6-7, 244, r-Fr.)
TE	92	Matt Bartz (6-3, 249, Jr.)
	17	Clint Oldenburg (6-5, 255, So.)
H	81	Joel Dreesen (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	88	Brandon Alconcel (6-4, 263, Jr.)
WR	4	David Anderson (5-11, 192, Jr.)
	15	Jair Brown (5-10, 175, Jr.)
WR	7	Johnny Walker (6-0, 184, Fr.)
	6	Landon Taylor (6-3, 180, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	Patrick Goodpaster (6-3, 275, Sr.)
	86	Terrance Carter (6-2, 239, Jr.)
NT	91	Jonathan Simon (6-6, 285, Sr.)
	90	Delroy Parke (6-2, 298, Jr.)
DT	87	Blake Smith (6-2, 269, r-Fr.)
	65	Steve Olech (6-3, 259, Jr.)
DE	9	Luke Adkins (6-2, 229, So.)
	44	Bob Vomhof (6-3, 250, r-Fr.)
SLB	2	Jahmal Hall (6-0, 183, Jr.)
	49	John Nichols (6-2, 218, r-Fr.)
MLB	52	Courtney Jones (6-1, 232, Jr.)
	38	Luke Mueller (6-1, 22, So.)
WLB	54	Landon Jones (6-2, 219, Sr.)
	50	Chris Davis (6-0, 226, Jr.)
CB	28	Liddon Levine (5-10, 186, r-Fr.)
	39	Daryl Williams (5-9, 174, r-Fr.)
CB	1	Brandon Cathy (5-10, 183, So.)
	24	Chase Weber (5-10, 148, So.)
FS	3	Ben Stratton (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	27	David Foley (5-10, 186, Jr.)
SS	32	Adam Lancisero (5-9, 198, Sr.)
	30	Miles Kochevar (6-0, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Jeff Babcock (5-9, 188, Sr.)
	13	Kevin Mark (6-2, 180, Jr.)
P	14	Jeff Babcock (5-9, 188, Sr.)
	8	Jim Kaylor (6-3, 194, r-Fr.)

2 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-3 MWC *(lost to Boston College in the San Francisco Bowl, 35-21)*

Colorado State

Fort Collins, Colo.

Official athletic Web site: www.csurams.com

RAMS

Despite loss of Van Pelt, expect Ram-tough consistency to continue under Sonny's command

Brigham Young, during the LaVell Edwards era, used to be the standard for teams in this league by which to compare.

No more. Coach Sonny Lubick's program has become the model of consistency for every other MWC team. Colorado State has been to a bowl game in each of the five years of the MWC's existence. The Rams have been postseason bowling in eight of the past 10 seasons.

Last year was sub-par by the recent lofty CSU standards, but the Rams still managed to place third in the MWC and earn a San Francisco Bowl berth.

The Rams welcome back 14 starters from last year's team, eight of whom have started 20 or more games. But only four defensive starters return and the CSU defense wasn't even the team's strength to begin with. Still, those familiar with the MWC know not to count out Lubick's club from league-championship contention.

The offense averaged a league-best 439 yards a year ago and is loaded with experience entering this season. Gone is the MWC's two-time Player of the Year, QB Bradlee Van Pelt, but his replacement, junior Justin Holland, saw considerable playing time last year and had a strong spring. Holland actually started the San Francisco Bowl and saw action in nine games as a sophomore.

David Anderson averaged 99.5 yards per game receiving last season, gaining a lofty 18 yards per catch. Joel Dreesen, a former All-MWC tight end, also returns as an H-back. True freshman twins Dion and Damon Morton could see playing time immediately at wide receiver. The offensive line will be a strength with a trio of upperclassmen—Albert Bimper, Michael Brisiel and Erik Pears—who have started a combined 71 games.

Tailbacks Marcus Houston, who rushed for 636 yards, and Jimmy Green, who had 360 yards on the ground with nearly 300 of them coming in the final three games, are back. Tristan Walker, a highly recruited running back out of California, never fit in with the Rams and quit the team during spring drills. That may mean true freshman Jamaal Floyd may get some playing time this fall.

The injury-plagued defense from a year ago ranked an uncharacteristically low sixth in the league. It will need to be better if the Rams are to challenge for the title, but the cupboard is far from bare. Veteran lineman Patrick Goodpaster, linebacker Jahmal Hall and safety Ben Stratton give Lubick a strong nucleus to build around. Junior-college linebackers Chris Davis and John Morris enrolled in school in time for spring drills and will be counted on right away.

Perhaps the Rams' biggest challenge will be getting through the first couple weeks of the season alive. They open against rival Colorado in Boulder. Then it's on to Los Angeles, where they play defending national champion USC. A home date against Minnesota rounds out three straight weeks of playing foes from BCS leagues.

Justin Holland, *QB*

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STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Hughes Stadium **Capacity:** 30,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Sonny Lubick,** 11th Year **Record:** 91-44 **Career Record:** 112-63	**John Benton** (co-off. coordinator/OL), **Mick Delaney** (RBs), **Tom Ehlers** (DL), **Dan Hammerschmidt** (co-off. cordinator/QBs), **Steve Stanard** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Matt Lubick** (WRs), **James Ward** (DBs), **Darrell Funk** (TEs/special teams), **Jesse Williams** (DL)

MOUNTAIN WEST

PRESEASON RANK **3**

2003 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-2 MWC *(lost to Oregon State in the Las Vegas Bowl, 55-14)*

New Mexico

Albuquerque, N.M.

Official athletic Web site: www.golobos.com

LOBOS

Moore is better for New Mexico's high-powered rushing attack

Coaches love the old "one-game-at-a-time" cliché, but New Mexico coach Rocky Long's teams have taken that to the extreme. The Lobos have gradually, but steadily, improved each year—exactly one game at a time per season.

Expect the Lobos to win exactly nine games this year—no more, no less.

During Long's first year in Albuquerque, 1998, the Lobos won three games. The next year they won four. They won five in 2000, six in 2001, seven in 2002 and eight last season.

DonTrell Moore, *RB*

JAKE SCHOELLKOPF/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Actually, it may be tough for the Lobos to win nine games this season, all things considered. New Mexico was hit hard by graduation losses after its second straight Las Vegas Bowl appearance. The most obvious loss is three-year starter Casey Kelly, the program's all-time wins leader at quarterback.

Boding well for Long, however, is the return of both DonTrell Moore and D.D. Cox at running back. Moore, as just a sophomore last season, rushed for a school single-season best of 1,450 yards. Cox, meanwhile, added 642 yards and had three 100-yard games.

Handing the ball off to the two talented backs—and throwing the ball occasionally—will be either sophomore Kole McKamey or senior Tali Ena, a transfer from Washington State. McKamey is a bigger threat to run the ball, while Ena, at 6-5, is more of a NFL-style, drop-back passer.

New Mexico has built a reputation for big, strong offensive lines and that will once again be the case. Senior guard Claude Terrell (6-3, 330 pounds), junior center Ryan Cook (6-7, 340) and sophomore guard Robert Turner (6-3, 320) headline a group that calls itself "The Hitmen."

New Mexico's gambling, blitzing defense—which has been copied by the likes of BYU and Air Force—has finished in the nation's top 30 in each of the past four seasons. Seven starters need to be replaced from last year's team, however. Top returnees include linebacker Nick Speegle and cornerbacks Gabriel Fulbright and Brandon Payne.

Should close games come down to the kicker, the Lobos should have an advantage. Lou Groza Award candidate Wes Zunker, the All-MWC kicker last season, is back for his senior season. He made 15 of his 17 field-goal attempts last year. That means Katie Hnida, the female kicker who booted two extra points last season and who says she was mistreated at Colorado before transferring to New Mexico, won't likely have many opportunities to kick.

The Lobos were the only conference team to beat Utah last season and this year's game is in Albuquerque. New Mexico has four league games on the road, however, including at Air Force, at Colorado State and at BYU. The non-league slate includes home games versus Washington State and Texas Tech, with road games at Oregon State and New Mexico State.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: University Stadium
Capacity: 37,370
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Rocky Long, 7th Year
Record: 33-40
Career Record: 33-40

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Dan Dodd (off. coordinator), **Osia Lewis** (def. coordinator/DL), **Everett Todd** (special teams/recruiting), **Bob Bostad** (OL), **Curtis Luper** (RBs), **Lenny Rodriguez** (LBs), **Jason Strauss** (WRs/tight ends), **Grady Stretz** (safeties), **Tony Reffett** (CBs)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.3	Washington State	L	13-23
S.11	Texas Tech	L	28-42
S.18	@OREGON STATE		
S.25	@NEW MEXICO STATE	W	24-17
O.2	Utah	W	47-35
O.9	@AIR FORCE	W	24-12
O.16	@UNLV	L	35-37
O.23	San Diego State	W	30-7
O.30	@COLORADO STATE	W	37-34
N.13	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	L	7-10
N.20	Wyoming	W	26-3

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/25

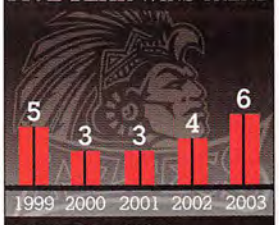
OFFENSE		
QB	12	Kole McKamey (6-2, 194, So.)
	11	Tali Ena (6-5, 235, Sr.)
FB	41	Adrian Byrd (6-0, 224, Jr.)
	34	Landrick Brody (5-11, 230, Sr.)
TB	22	DonTrell Moore (5-11, 211, Jr.)
	31	D.D. Cox (6-0, 210, Sr.)
LT	79	Terrance Pennington (6-7, 340, Jr.)
	68	Nate Weber (6-5, 300, So.)
LG	76	Claude Terrell (6-3, 330, Sr.)
	66	Vince Natali (6-2, 295, r-Fr.)
C	63	Ryan Cook (6-7, 340, Jr.)
RG	59	Robert Turner (6-3, 320, So.)
	74	Patrick Hodges (6-5, 295, So.)
RT	62	Fred Tucker (6-4, 330, So.)
	69	Bryan Humphreys (6-3, 272, Sr.)
TE	88	Mike Augustyniak (6-5, 256, Sr.)
	82	Curtis Pino (6-2, 245, So.)
WR	4	Marcus Smith (6-3, 210, r-Fr.)
	83	Martin Romero (5-11, 189, Sr.)
WR	18	Hank Baskett III (6-4, 208, So.)
	20	Mike Powdrell (5-10, 178, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	90	Marcus Parker (6-2, 256, Jr.)
	58	Michael Tuohy (6-2, 235, Fr.)
NT	97	Billy Brittain (6-2, 260, r-Fr.)
		David Dorcey (6-3, 240, r-Fr.)
DE	99	Bryan Easterly (6-3, 237, Jr.)
		Adam Garday (6-2, 250, Jr.)
LB	33	Fola Fashola (5-11, 209, Sr.)
	46	George Carter (6-3, 205, Fr.)
LB	56	Mike Mohoric (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	91	Jason Turner (6-1, 225, Fr.)
LB	55	Chrishone Harris (6-2, 232, Sr.)
		Yimin Bauman (6-0, 230, Jr.)
LB	89	Nick Speegle (6-5, 235, Sr.)
	45	Joe Selander (6-2, 220, Jr.)
CB	23	Gabriel Fulbright (5-10, 168, Jr.)
	32	Aaron Brack (5-11, 207, Jr)
CB	28	Brandon Payne (6-0, 185, Sr.)
		Jerrell Malone (6-1, 186, Jr.)
SS	37	Josh Bazinet (5-11, 200, Sr.)
		Charles Brown (6-0, 195, Jr.)
ROV	27	Kevin Walton (6-0, 203, Sr.)
	32	Art Haynes (6-3, 206, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	30	Wes Zunker (5-8, 171, Sr.)
	80	Kenny Byrd (6-0, 150, So.)
P	25	Tyler Gaus (6-1, 205, Jr.)
		Jordan Scott (6-0, 178, r-Fr.)

MOUNTAIN WEST

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	San Jose State		
S.11	Nevada		
S.18	@MICHIGAN		
0.2	@UCLA	L	10-20
0.9	@WYOMING	W	25-20
0.16	Colorado State	L	6-21
0.23	@NEW MEXICO	L	7-30
0.30	Utah	L	6-27
N.6	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	L	36-44
N.13	@AIR FORCE	W	24-3
N.20	UNLV	W	7-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/21

OFFENSE

QB	15	Matt Dlugolecki (6-4, 225, Jr.)
	7	Kevin O'Connell (6-6, 210, Fr.)
TB	22	Lynell Hamilton (6-1, 215, So.)
	20	Michael Franklin (5-7, 180, Jr.)
LT	76	Will Robinson (6-6, 270, Fr.)
	64	Matt Callahan (6-6, 290, Fr.)
LG	75	Patrick Justman (6-5, 300, So.)
	54	Nephi Penerosa (6-2, 290, So.)
C	72	Jasper Harvey (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	66	Aleks Blagojevich (6-2, 285, Fr.)
RG	50	Danny Negrete (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	62	Brandyn Dombrowski (6-5, 300, Fr.)
RT	74	Mike Kracalik (6-9, 340, Sr.)
	71	Mike Kravetz (6-5, 285, Fr.)
TE	81	Jeremy Justice (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	86	Adam Watson (6-3, 255, Jr.)
FL	11	Devin Pitts (6-3, 200, Sr.)
	1	Chaz Schilens (6-4, 185, Fr.)
SL	80	Robert Ortiz (6-1, 185, Jr.)
	16	Brett Swain (6-1, 195, Fr.)
WR	19	Jeffrey Webb (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	84	Wesley Williams (6-3, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	46	Blake Lobel (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	93	Antwan Applewhite (6-3, 220, Fr.)
DT	99	Jonathan Bailes (6-1, 325, So.)
	91	Va'ati Maka (6-5, 260, Sr.)
DT	55	Freddie McCutcheon (6-0, 280, So.)
	69	Derrick Durbin (6-3, 280, Sr.)
DE	95	Robert Miller (6-6, 240, Jr.)
	94	Nicholas Osborn (6-4, 245, Fr.)
LB	43	Matt McCoy (6-1, 225, Jr.)
	51	Joe Martin (6-1, 225, So.)
LB	34	Kirk Morrison (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	33	Freddie Keiaho (6-0, 220, Jr.)
LB	45	Stephen Larsen (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	44	Heath Farwell (6-0, 225, Sr.)
CB	39	Jacob Elimimian (5-11, 180, Sr.)
	9	Terrell Maze (5-11, 170, So.)
CB	21	Marcus Demps (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	10	Hubert Caliste (6-2, 190, Sr.)
FS	5	Marviel Underwood (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	31	Reggie Grigsby (5-11, 195, Jr.)
SS	42	Josh Dean (6-1, 210, Sr.)
	21	Marcus Demps (6-0, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	17	Michael Hughes (5-10, 170, Fr.)
P	17	Michael Hughes (5-10, 170, Fr.)

4 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 6-6 overall, 3-4 MWC

San Diego State

San Diego, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.goaztecs.com

AZTECS

Led by Morrison, 'Dark Side Defense' gives Aztecs chance for best season since Faulk days

With linebacker Kirk Morrison and running back Lynell Hamilton on the roster, the Aztecs could sweep both the defensive and offensive Player-of-the-Year awards in the MWC. Morrison already is the league's reigning defensive MVP.

Hamilton, meanwhile, had the biggest impact by a freshman running back at SDSU since a guy named Marshall Faulk.

Like Faulk, Hamilton is the real deal. He was named the league's Freshman of the Year and was just the second freshman ever to earn first-team All-MWC honors. He rushed for 1,087 yards, despite missing the final two games because of a broken ankle. Hamilton did not go through contact drills in the spring while recovering from the injury, but he is expected to be at full strength by the time camp opens in August.

With 16 returning starters—including several stars—Tom Craft's club will be looking to go to a bowl game for the first time since 1998. The Aztecs are certainly a dark-horse candidate to win the league outright.

The past two seasons Craft's teams have been outstanding on one side of the ball and not so good on the other. In 2002 the offense put up huge numbers mostly through the air, while the defense struggled a bit. The result was a 4-9 record. Last season the defense was vastly improved, ranking as the stingiest in the league (17.2 ppg). But scoring was a problem, as the Aztecs were seventh in the MWC, averaging just 18.7 points. The result was a 6-6 mark.

Adam Hall, who had a frustrating senior year at quarterback due to injuries, is gone. But Matt Dlugolecki, who started five games in Hall's place and threw for 1,248 yards, returns for his junior season. Seven of the eight players who caught 10 or more passes a year ago are back as well, led by Jeffrey Webb, who had 55 receptions for 706 yards. The offensive line, anchored by veteran Mike Kracalik (6-9, 340 pounds) should be better than it was a year ago.

But the "Dark Side Defense" should again be the strength of the team. A year ago it ranked eighth in the nation in total defense and first in the MWC. Eight starters from that impressive unit are back. Morrison was voted the MWC's best defender—and he may not even be the best linebacker at SDSU. Junior Matt McCoy led the conference a year ago in tackles with 125—10 more than his teammate Morrison.

The secondary lost cornerback Jeff Shoate, an NFL draft pick, but returns everyone else. Corner Jacob Elimimian had four interceptions last season. Marcus Demps, an outstanding athlete, may fill in at the other corner spot. If not, he will compete with returning starting safeties Marviel Underwood and Josh Dean for playing time.

The Aztecs, as usual, have lined up a couple of "name" opponents to play on the road before conference games begin. They will travel to Michigan and UCLA.

Lynell Hamilton, *TB*

DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Qualcomm Stadium **Capacity:** 54,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Tom Craft,** 3rd Year **Record:** 10-15 **Career Record:** 10-15	**Jim House** (assistant head coach/DL), **Thom Kaumeyer** (def. coordinator), **Damon Baldwin** (OL), **Fred Bleil** (secondary/special teams), **Andy Buh** (LBs), **Walter Gaskins** (RBs), **Matt Irvin** (TEs), **Brian Stark** (QBs), **Ray Peterson** (WRs)

MOUNTAIN WEST

Provo, Utah

PRESEASON RANK 5

BYU COUGARS

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 3-4 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.byucougars.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	USC	L	18-35
S.18	@STANFORD	L	14-18
S.25	@BOISE STATE	L	12-50
O.2	@COLORADO STATE	L	13-58
O.9	UNLV	W	27-20 (OT)
O.16	Wyoming	L	10-13
O.23	@AIR FORCE	L	10-24
O.30	Notre Dame	L	14-33
N.6	San Diego State	W	44-36
N.13	New Mexico	W	10-7
N.20	@UTAH	L	0-3

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/32

OFFENSE

QB	8	Matt Berry (6-5, 225, Jr.)
FB	3	Naufahu Tahi (6-0, 230, Jr.)
TB	6	Curtis Brown (6-0, 190, So.)
RT	71	Paul Fisher (6-7, 315, So.)
RG	75	Scott Young (6-5, 312, Sr.)
C	54	Lance Reynolds, Jr. (6-3, 265, Jr.)
LG	73	Jake Kuresa (6-4, 250, So.)
LT	59	Eddie Keele (6-5, 300, So.)
TE	20	Daniel Coats (6-3, 240, So.)
WR	29	Chris Hale (5-9, 175, Jr.)
WR	26	Rod Wilkerson (6-2, 190, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	49	Brady Poppinga (6-3, 260, Sr.)
NT	77	Daniel Marquardt (6-2, 300, Jr.)
DE	92	John Denney (6-6, 270, Jr.)
LB	39	Bryant Atkinson (6-3, 225, Jr.)
LB	55	K.C. Bills (6-1, 220, So.)
LB	47	Paul Walkenhorst (6-5, 252, Sr.)
CB	34	Brandon Heaney (5-11, 185, Sr.)
CB	13	Nate Soleberg (6-0, 170, Jr.)
DB	37	Jon Burbidge (6-1, 205, Sr.)
DB	21	Kellen Fowler (6-0, 187, Jr.)
ROV	33	Aaron Francisco (6-2, 210, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	38	Matt Payne (6-4, 240, Sr.)
P	38	Matt Payne (6-4, 240, Jr.)

It was bad enough when BYU suffered through a losing season in 2002 for the first time in 29 years. It was worse when a second straight losing season was guaranteed prior to the last game of the 2003 campaign.

But the real kicker was when the Cougars' long-running NCAA record of scoring in 361 consecutive games—dating back to 1975—came to a halt in the season finale. To add insult to injury, BYU was shutout by arch-rival Utah.

That one really hurt.

As a result, no MWC coach is under more pressure to win—and win now—than Gary Crowton. Fans were a bit forgiving of one losing season. Two straight losing campaigns are tough to swallow in Provo. Three in a row? It would get ugly.

But Crowton and the Cougars have their work cut out if they are to get back on the winning track. Their non-league opponents include USC, Stanford, Boise State and Notre Dame.

The Cougar defense was actually pretty good last season. Brigham Young ranked 14th nationally in total defense, and that unit returns all-league performers Brady Poppinga on the defensive line and DB Aaron Francisco.

The problem was putting points on the board. BYU, which used to be synonymous with offensive firepower, managed an average of only 16.3 points per game—dead last in the league and 109th in the country.

As always, the quarterback position is the one most closely watched by BYU fans. Two alternating starters from last year, John Beck and Matt Berry, are fighting for the starting job with junior-college transfer Jason Beck (no relation to John). To aid them, the Cougars added seven receivers in their recruiting class, including four from the juco ranks that will be counted on right away. Sophomore tight end Daniel Coats is future star.

Leading rusher Rey Brathwaite was suspended by the school for unspecified "honor-code violations." That means the rushing attack will be headed by Marcus Whalen and Curtis Brown.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: LaVell Edwards Stadium **Capacity:** 64,045 **Turf:** Grass	**Gary Crowton,** 4th Year **Record:** 21-17 **Career Record:** 42-30

Laramie, Wyo.

PRESEASON RANK 6

Wyoming COWBOYS

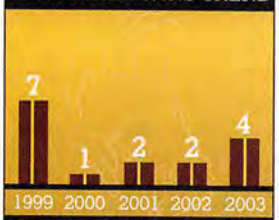
2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-5 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.wyomingathletics.com

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Appalachian State		
S.11	@TEXAS A&M		
S.25	Mississippi		
O.2	Louisiana-Monroe		
O.9	San Diego State	L	20-25
O.16	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	13-10
O.22	@COLORADO STATE	W	35-28
O.30	Air Force	L	29-35
N.6	@UNLV	L	24-35
N.13	Utah	L	17-47
N.20	@NEW MEXICO	L	3-26

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/21

OFFENSE

QB	17	Corey Bramlet (6-4, 209, Jr.)
TB	2	Van Harrison (5-7, 190, So.)
LT	73	Chase Johnson (6-8, 293, So.)
LG	66	Isaac Morales (6-5, 312, Sr.)
C	70	Trenton Franz (6-3, 276, Sr.)
RG	69	Jason Karcher (6-3, 294, So.)
RT	67	Hunter Richards (6-7, 275, r-So.)
TE	84	Chris Cox (6-7, 250, Sr.)
WR	13	Dustin Pleasant (6-1, 170, Jr.)
WR	9	Jovon Bouknight (6-1, 181, Jr.)
WR	38	Kevin Fulton (5-9, 203, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	43	John Flora (6-3, 245, Jr.)
NG	55	Zach Morris (6-2, 270, Sr.)
DT	62	Jacob Bonde (6-3, 289, Sr.)
DE	93	Mike Groover (6-3, 234, So.)
SAM	45	Austin Hall (6-2, 212, So.)
MKE	30	Randy Tscharner (6-3, 231, Sr.)
WIL	29	Guy Tuell (6-1, 207, Sr.)
CB	27	Derrick Martin (5-9, 182, So.)
CB	3	Terrance Butler (5-11, 171, Jr.)
FS	23	John Wendling (6-0, 203, So.)
SS	4	Jay McNeal (5-11, 193, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	40	Deric Yaussi (5-11, 168, Jr.)
P	39	Adam Brooks (5-9, 189, Jr.)

In the first year with Joe Glenn at the helm, Wyoming won twice as many conference games than it had in the previous three years combined.

Then again, that's not really saying much. The Cowboys won only two MWC games in 2003. Still, it was a vast improvement. They had been a combined 1-20 in league games from 2000-02. And the two league wins last season were over Wyoming's biggest rivals: Colorado State and BYU. Glenn believes his team can build on those successes and be even better this season—and it's hard not to believe him. He is one of those guys who exude a positive attitude about everything. Plus, he's a proven winner, having won two Division II titles at Northern Colorado and a I-AA championship at Montana. Last year's 4-8 record was the first time in 19 years as a collegiate head coach that one of Glenn's teams finished with a losing record.

Once again, a Bramlet will be starting at quarterback—just not the one that was a four-year starter. Casey Bramlet has graduated, but younger brother Corey is ready to take over the starting position. Expect the Cowboys, who led the league in passing last season, to again be at or near the top of the MWC's passing statistics.

The offensive line returns intact and Jovon Bouknight (47 catches, 746 yards) gives Bramlett a big-time receiver to throw to. Gone is leading rusher Derek Armah. His job will be up for grabs among sophomore Van Harrison, junior C.R. Davis and juco transfer Joe Harris.

If the Cowboys want to take a step up into the top half of the league they will have to be better defensively. They ranked last in the MWC a year ago, giving up 30 points and 443 yards per game. It will be an experienced group, however, led by lineman Zach Morris and linebacker Guy Tuell.

The Cowboys have a hard time getting big-time non-conference opponents to come to Laramie to play them, but they managed to get Mississippi to do it this year.

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:
Name: War Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 33,500 **Turf:** Grass	**Joe Glenn,** 2nd Year **Record:** 4-8 **Career Record:** 162-67-1

Colorado Springs, Colo. PRESEASON RANK **7**

Air Force FALCONS

2003 Record: 7-5 overall, 3-4 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.airforcesports.com

Fisher DeBerry, the dean of MWC coaches now in his 21st season at Air Force, returns, by far, the fewest starters in the league. Air Force has just three starters back on offense and three back on defense, with neither kicker from last year's 7-5 team returning.

But that's not enough to make DeBerry lose sleep.

"We're accustomed to not having a lot of starters returning," he says. "We're going to be a young football team in terms of playing experience, but we do have some talent returning."

The QB position, which was handled brilliantly in recent seasons by Chance Harridge, is vital to Air Force's modified-wishbone attack.

Harridge's likely replacement, Adam Fitch, ruptured his Achilles' tendon in his right leg early in spring drills. He may be able to play in the fall, depending on how quickly he recovers from surgery. If Fitch is unable to go, junior Andy Gray will likely be the man under center.

The entire offensive line will be new, but the Falcons return halfback Darnell Stephens (604 yards rushing), fullback Adam Cole (341) and top receiver Alec Messerall (21 catches, 328 yards).

The Falcons also lost their entire defensive line to graduation, although Ryan Carter saw plenty of action a year ago as a reserve. Carter, a second-team Academic All-American, finished with 39 tackles (5.5 for loss).

The only three starters returning to the defense are linebacker John Rudzinski, safety Dennis Poland and cornerback Nate Allen.

Both the placekicking and punting positions will be filled with newcomers following the graduations of Joey Ashcroft and Andrew Martin.

DeBerry's teams have gone to 12 bowl games and finished at .500 or better 18 times in 20 years. Another .500 season could happen, but a 13th bowl may be too much to ask due to the team's inexperience. On a positive note, the Falcons play seven home games and only four on the road.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Falcon Stadium
Capacity: 52,480
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

Fisher DeBerry, 21st Year
Record: 156-88-1
Career Record: 156-88-1

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	California		
S.11	Eastern Washington		
S.18	@UNLV	W	24-7
S.25	@UTAH	L	43-45 (OT)
O.2	Navy	L	25-28
O.9	New Mexico	L	12-24
O.23	Brigham Young	W	24-10
O.30	@WYOMING	W	35-29
N.6	@ARMY	W	31-3
N.13	San Diego State	L	3-24
N.20	Colorado State	L	20-30

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 6
Lettermen returning/lost: 29/28

OFFENSE

QB	16	Adam Fitch (6-0, 190, Jr.)
FB	24	Adam Cole (6-0, 225, Sr.)\
TB	15	Darnell Stephens (6-2, 200, Sr.)
LT	65	Larry Hufford (6-1, 280, Jr.)
LG	62	Curtis Grantham (6-2, 275, Jr.)
C	52	Mark Koalenz (6-2, 250, So.)
RG	64	Joel Lammers (6-4, 255, Jr.)
RT	57	Ross Weaver (6-7, 295, Jr.)
TE	91	Robert McMonomy (6-4, 235, So.)
WR	82	Alec Messerall (5-11, 185, Sr.)
WR	33	Kris Holstege (5-10, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	53	Ryan Carter (6-2, 245, Sr.)
NG	88	Russ Mitscherling (6-2, 240, Jr.)
DE	99	Nathan Terrazone (6-3, 240, Sr.)
LB	30	Kenny Smith (6-2, 225, Sr.)
LB	49	Cameron Hodge (6-2, 225, Sr.)
LB	48	John Rudzinski (6-2, 230, Sr.)
CB	28	David Conley (5-11, 185, Sr.)
CB	7	Nate Allen (5-10, 180, Jr.)
FS	21	Mark Carlson (6-0, 200, Jr.)
SS	27	Dennis Poland (6-3, 215, So.)
ROV	31	John Taibi (6-2, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	93	Michael Greenaway (5-10, 175, Sr.)
P	30	Don Heaton (6-3, 180, Jr.)

Las Vegas, Nev. PRESEASON RANK **8**

UNLV REBELS

2003 Record: 6-6 overall, 2-5 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.unlvrebels.com

John Robinson's Rebels had the MWC's best non-league win—on the road against Wisconsin—last season. The team started the year 4-1 and was receiving votes in the national polls.

But the tough-luck Rebels lost several close games down the stretch and finished the season with a 2-5 mark in the MWC, tied with Wyoming for last.

With nearly two-thirds of their starters back from last season, the Rebels could compete for the league title if they are able to play like they did during the first five games of last season. Then again, they could finish in the basement once more if they play like they did in the final seven games of the year.

UNLV's biggest problems were on offense. The Rebels managed only 23 touchdowns all season, causing Robinson to install a new, albeit veteran, offensive coordinator. Bruce Snyder, the former Arizona State, California and Utah State head coach, took over those duties.

Snyder will have a veteran QB to work with. Kurt Nantkes threw for 1,883 yards and 12 touchdowns with 10 interceptions last season. He missed spring practice due to injury and will be pushed by sophomore Shane Steichen in the fall.

Also back is Earvin Johnson, Nantkes' favorite target who caught 60 passes for 834 yards and four scores last year. Dominique Dorsey, who rushed for 626 yards, returns as well. He'll be pushed for playing time by Ohio State transfer JaJa Riley and former junior-college star Alvin Marshall, who sat out last season with a foot injury. Dyante Perkins, who was a starter last year at fullback, will spend some time at tailback this season, too.

The defense is led by Jamaal Brimmer, an All-America candidate at safety. Brimmer, the MWC's Defensive Player of the Year in 2002, had six interceptions last season and has a combined 27 tackles for loss the past two seasons. Linebacker Adam Seward is also a star. He's already the school's all-time tackle leader.

The Rebels open at Tennessee and then play at Wisconsin.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Sam Boyd Stadium
Capacity: 36,800
Turf: Grass

HEAD COACH:

John Robinson, 6th Year
Record: 26-33
Career Record: 130-68-4

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@TENNESSEE		
S.11	@WISCONSIN	W	23-5
S.18	Air Force	L	7-24
S.25	Utah State		
O.2	Nevada	W	16-12
O.9	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	L	20-27 (OT)
O.16	New Mexico	W	37-35
O.23	@UTAH	L	10-28
N.6	Wyoming	W	35-24
N.13	@COLORADO STATE	L	23-24
N.20	@SAN DIEGO STATE	L	0-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/19

OFFENSE

QB	7	Kurt Nantkes (6-4, 225, Sr.)
FB	44	Chad Henley (6-1, 250, Jr.)
TB	10	Dominique Dorsey (5-7, 165, Sr.)
LT	70	Marco Guerra (6-5, 330, So.)
LG	56	Joe Critchfield (6-4, 315, Sr.)
C	76	Marcus Johnson (6-1, 300, Sr.)
RG	68	Zach Gorham (6-5, 310, Jr.)
RT	78	Tyler Crandal (6-7, 285, Sr.)
TE	86	Greg Estandia (6-8, 250, Sr.)
WR	17	Terry Furlow (6-0, 190, Jr.)
WR	4	Earvin Johnson (6-3, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	97	Pete Dunbar (6-4, 260, Sr.)
DT	66	Howie Fuimaono (6-0, 325, So.)
DE	98	Leon Moore (6-5, 270, Jr.)
LB	32	Reggie Butler (6-0, 225, Sr.)
LB	55	Adam Seward (6-2, 250, Sr.)
LB	49	Ryan Claridge (6-4, 250, Sr.)
LB	52	John Andrews (6-0, 210, Sr.)
CB	3	Ruschard Dodd-Masters (6-0, 180, Sr.)
CB	14	Ernest Gordon (6-0, 170, So.)
FS	45	Joe Miklos (6-2, 205, Jr.)
SS	27	Jamaal Brimmer (6-1, 215, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	44	Sergio Aguayo (6-1, 195, r-Fr.)
P	16	Gary Cook (6-1, 200, Sr.)

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
EAST	▶p.107	▶p.108	▶p.108	▶p.108	▶p.109	▶p.109	▶p.109
WEST	#1 ▶p.110	#2 ▶p.111	#3 ▶p.111	#4 ▶p.111	#5 ▶p.112	#6 ▶p.112	#7 ▶p.112

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Ryne Robinson**, Miami
Best hands: **Cole Magner**, WR, Bowling Green
Best passing QB: **Charlie Frye**, Akron
Best option QB: **Joshua Cribbs**, Kent State
Most elusive RB: **Jerry Seymour**, Central Michigan
Best instincts: **James King**, LB, Central Michigan
Best athlete: **Joshua Cribbs**, QB, Kent State
Best under pressure: **Bruce Gradkowski**, QB, Toledo
Top NFL prospect: **Nick Kaczur**, OT, Toledo
Top impact freshman: **Nick Moore**, WR, Toledo
Hardest hitter: **Justin Beriault**, LB, Ball State
Biggest underachiever: **Ryan Hawk**, Ohio

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Terry Hoeppner**, Miami
Best recruiter: **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green
Coaches on the spot: **Brian Knorr**, Ohio

Don't be surprised if ...

George O'Leary at Central Florida and Brian Kelly at Central Michigan have unexpected success in their first MAC seasons.

One man's opinion

"Attendance is huge in [building the league's image]. When you go to MAC games and see five, seven, 10 thousand people, that's not good for our league. We need to promote and keep marketing our league."
—a MAC head coach

Rating the recruits

1. Marshall
Jermaine Filer and James Houston are top-notch signees.
2. Western Michigan
Irving Fryar's son Londen signed with Broncos.
3. Bowling Green
Could QB Anthony Turner become another Josh Harris?
4. Central Florida
Wonder why two Canadians chose the Golden Knights?
5. Miami
RedHawks continue to recruit speed and quickness
6. Northern Illinois
Three QBs signed to replace graduating Josh Haldi.
7. Ball State
Large recruiting class also well-rounded.
8. Toledo
Defense-minded Amstutz loaded up on DLs and DBs
9. Buffalo
Bulls signed a number of WR/DB types.
10. Eastern Michigan
Twenty-two-member class included 16 athletes from Michigan
11. Ohio
Eight states besides Ohio represented.
12. Akron
Former Pitt assistant Brookhart signed six from the Keystone State.
13. Central Michigan
Five Georgians in 17-member class.
14. Kent State
Recruiting hurt by coaching change.

Official conference Web site: www.mac-sports.com

MAC earned respect with 9/20 performance, but can bottom-feeders keep pace?

By John Wagner
The Toledo Blade

You'll excuse the Mid-American Conference if they consider Sept. 20 to be a date that's a prime candidate to become a new national holiday.

It was on that date last year that MAC football had a coming-out party of sorts. Consider the buzz created by:

•Marshall traveling to Manhattan, Kan., and knocking off sixth-ranked Kansas State 27-20.

•Toledo hosting ninth-ranked Pittsburgh and scoring a late touchdown to claim a 35-31 victory.

•Northern Illinois battling both tradition and history in a 19-16 victory over 21st-ranked Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

It was clearly the most successful day in MAC history and, believe it or not, it could have been even better. Many overlooked Miami's 41-21 win at defending Mountain West champ Colorado State, and Bowling Green put a scare into Ohio State before losing to the defending national champions by seven.

But Sept. 20 wasn't the only day the MAC stepped up in 2003. Earlier in the season, Northern Illinois surprised No. 14 Maryland and Bowling Green edged No. 16 Purdue. But Sept. 20 grabbed the spotlight and shone it on the 56-year-old league. That day—and the season as a whole—showed that MAC schools could compete with the best football programs around the country.

But last year's success puts an added burden on the conference this fall. For the league's top schools, the question is simple: Can they do it again?

The answer is yes, but it won't be as "easy" as it was last season. For one, there will be no surprising, upper-echelon teams this season; top-ranked schools will use film of last season to remind its players that some MAC schools are no longer just homecoming fodder.

Also, it won't be easy because MAC schools still can't consistently deliver home games against big-name opponents. Winning against BCS teams is tough enough without playing every game in front of the enemy crowd.

But the teams near the bottom of the league's two divisions have to answer an even bigger question: Can they rise up to the level of the upper-division schools?

"The programs that aren't winning consistently need to win," says one MAC head coach. "There are five or six teams in the MAC that can play with anybody. The rest of the league struggles."

Until they do, the MAC will continue to face problems such as the fight to get multiple bowl bids. The league had two last year, and a bowl-worthy Northern Illinois squad had to stay home despite earning 10 victories.

Marshall and Central Florida will leave for Conference USA next year.

Games to watch

Bowling Green at Northern Illinois, Sept. 24
This MAC opener for both schools packs a wallop.

Miami (Ohio) at Marshall, Sept. 29
A national TV audience will learn these two schools just don't like one another.

Toledo at Northern Illinois, Nov. 10
The victor in this nationally televised game probably wins the West.

Street & Smith's ALL-MAC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Bruce Gradkowski**, Jr., Toledo
RB—**Anthony Sherrill**, Sr., Eastern Michigan
RB—**Jerry Seymour**, So., Central Michigan
OL—**Nick Kaczur**, Sr., Toledo
OL—**Jake VerStraete**, Sr., Northern Illinois
OL—**Scott Mruczkowski**, Bowling Green
OL—**Erik Zeppuhar**, Buffalo
OL—**Toby Bullock**, Marshall
WR—**Lance Moore**, Sr., Toledo
WR—**Martin Nance**, Jr. Miami
TE—**Andrew Clarke**, Sr., Toledo
PK—**Jason Swiger**, Jr., Akron

DEFENSE

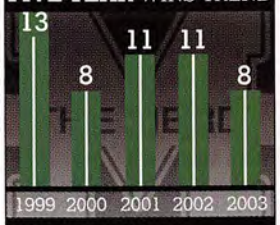
DL—**Chase Blackburn**, Sr., Akron
DL—**Jack Gitler**, Sr., Western Michigan
DL—**Jamus Martin**, Sr., Marshall
DL—**Mitch Crossley**, Jr., Bowling Green
LB—**Terna Nande**, Jr., Miami
LB—**Brian Atkinson**, Sr., Northern Illinois
LB—**James King**, Sr., Central Michigan
DB—**Atari Bigby**, Sr., Central Florida
DB—**Justin Beriault**, Sr., Ball State
DB—**Keon Newson**, Sr., Bowling Green
DB—**Lionel Hickenbottom**, Sr., Northern Illinois
P—**Adam Anderson**, Sr., Western Michigan

Anthony Sherrill, RB

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Troy State	L	24-33
S.11	@OHIO STATE		
S.18	@GEORGIA		
S.29	Miami (OH)	L	6-45
O.9	@OHIO	W	28-0
O.16	@KENT STATE	W	49-33
O.23	Buffalo	W	26-16
O.30	UCF	W	21-7
N.5	@AKRON	W	42-24
N.13	@BOWLING GREEN		
N.20	Western Michigan	W	41-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/15

OFFENSE

QB	4	Stan Hill (6-3, 210, Sr.)
	11	Graham Gochneaur (6-4, 218, Sr.)
TB	34	Earl Charles (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	43	Tank Tunstalle (6-1, 218, So.)
LT	60	Nate Griffin (6-5, 334, Sr.)
	94	Maurice White (6-2, 260, r-Fr.)
LG	56	Toby Bullock (6-4, 335, Jr.)
	63	John Inman (6-5, 310, r-Fr.)
C	55	Zac Elcess (6-5, 285, Jr.)
	75	Nate Howard (6-4, 275, r-Fr.)
RG	72	Ryan Baynes (6-2, 324, Jr.)
	79	Jesse Saito (6-2, 299, Sr.)
RT	73	Seth Cook (6-4, 298, So.)
	74	Dave Ziegler (6-5, 280 r-Fr.)
TE	85	Jeff Mullins (6-3, 253, Jr.)
	86	Joe Deifel (6-3, 231, Sr.)
WR	82	Josh Davis (6-1, 185, Sr.)
	22	Wilbur Hargrove (5-10, 172, Jr.)
WR	80	Tremel Guillory (5-10, 185, Sr.)
		Mandell Smith (6-0, 194, Jr.)
WR	7	Hiram Moore (6-0, 185, So.)
	83	Brad Bates (5-11, 171, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	50	Jonathan Goddard (6-0, 246, Sr.)
	38	Damarcus Thomas (6-1, 241, Jr.)
DT	98	Reggie Hayes (6-3, 288, Sr.)
	84	Adrian Davis (6-3, 249, So.)
DT	96	Jamaal Whyce (6-2, 280, Sr.)
	95	Roger Garrett (6-1, 285, So.)
DE	99	Jamus Martin (6-2, 224 Sr.)
	35	Marcus Hairston (6-3, 250, Sr.)
LLB	32	J.T. Rembert (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	30	Dennis Thornton (5-11, 205, Jr.)
MLB	5	Kevin Atkins (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	47	Matt Couch (6-2, 234, So.)
RLB	33	Dionte' Wilson (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	44	Carlos Morgan (5-10, 237, Jr.)
CB	27	Willie Smith (6-0, 194, Jr.)
	28	Renaldo Williams (5-9, 184, Sr.)
CB	2	Roberto Terrell (5-8, 175, Sr.)
	28	Renaldo Williams (5-9, 184 Sr.)
FS	3	Moriah Anderson (6-2, 188, Sr.)
	26	Chris Royal (5-9, 176, Jr.)
SS	25	Curtis Keyes (6-0, 187, So.)
	19	Geremy Rodamer (6-0, 190, r-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	41	Nick Kelly (6-0, 215 Jr.)
P	42	Klint Rose (6-2, 206 So.)

RICK HATE/ICON SMI

1 PRESEASON RANK

2003 Record: 8-4 overall, 6-2 MAC

Marshall

Huntington, W.Va.

Official athletic Web site: www.herdzone.com

THUNDERING HERD

Look for Herd to ride defense to East title in final MAC season before C-USA exodus

Here's the best sign of a successful program: an 8-4 season is considered a "down" year.

The Thundering Herd faithful were dissatisfied with the team's record last season despite a huge road win over nationally ranked Kansas State and a second-place league finish. That's because Marshall's history includes five MAC titles and six bowl bids in seven years since joining the league.

But this season will be the Herd's last in the league before moving to Conference USA, so expect it to be a doozy.

"I think we have a strong group of guys coming back, and it is important that we stay focused," says coach Bob Pruett. "We have a chance to be a very good football team this fall."

Funny thing is, the team that brought high-powered offense to a defensively grounded league may exit with a title thanks to its defense.

The Herd returns eight defensive starters as well as eight of its top 10 tacklers after leading the MAC in total defense (329.8 yards/game) and pass defense (117.4) a year ago.

Ends Jamus Martin and Jonathan Goddard combine for a quality pass rush after combining for 13 sacks last season, while tackle Reggie Hayes and inside linebacker Kevin Atkins (100 tackles) plug up the middle. The entire defensive backfield also returns, led by junior Willie Smith, a cornerback who broke up 14 passes.

The offense struggled at times last season because of injuries to quarterback Stan Hill as well as turnovers—the Thundering Herd coughed the ball up 34 times. Hill is expected to be healthy, meaning he should improve on the 1,767 yards and 15 TDs he threw in just six games. While receiver Darius Watts is gone, Josh Davis is a capable replacement who caught 66 passes for 823 yards last season.

Earl Charles powers the rushing game after rambling for 1,039 yards and 12 TDs a year ago, but the yards may come tougher early in the season as the Herd replaces three starters on the offensive line. Miami (Fla.) transfer Zac Elcess may ease that transition by stepping in at center.

Earl Charles, TB

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Joan C. Edwards Stadium **Capacity:** 40,000 **Turf:** Artificial	**Bob Pruett,** 9th Year **Record:** 88-17 **Career Record:** 88-17	**Jim Collins** (Secondary), **George Darlington** (OLBs/STs), **Mark Gale** (Assoc. head coach/ILBs), **Larry Kueck** (Assc. Off. Coord./QBs), **Mark McHale** (Off. Coord./OL), **Shaine Miles** (TEs), **Dwayne Nunez** (WRs), **Ernie Purnsley** (RBs), **Bill Wilt** (Def. Coord.), **Brian Coutras** (Dir. Football Op.), **Mike Jenkins** (Strength & Cond.)

MID-AMERICAN EAST

2 PRESEASON RANK

Miami REDHAWKS

Oxford, Ohio

2003 Record: 13-1 overall, 8-0 MAC

(beat Louisville in the GMAC Bowl, 49-28)

Official athletic Web site: www.muredhawks.com

Yes, all-everything quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is gone. And yes, the MAC's top player last season will be missed.

But Roethlisberger isn't the only player gone from last year's MAC champs, and the defending GMAC Bowl victors may miss some of those other players more than they miss the Steelers' top draft pick.

Take, for example, the offensive line, where NFL draft pick Jacob Bell is one of three senior starters the RedHawks need to replace. And that line was a key to the team's offensive success, allowing just six sacks in the last eight games as Miami rolled up an average of 43 points and 501.1 yards per game.

While the defense returns all but two starters from a year ago, those two are defensive-line leaders Phil Smith and Will Stanley (16 sacks combined in '03).

Don't worry about the Miami defense, though. A group of speedy, talented players will get a chance to shine now that the spotlight doesn't fall solely on Roethlisberger. The RedHawks' offensive explosion in 2003 overshadowed a defense that allowed just 19.4 points and forced a league-best 39 turnovers.

Expect to hear more from such Miami defensive stalwarts as strong safety Matt Pusateri, who made a team-leading 141 tackles; linebacker Terna Nande, who had 20 tackles for loss; and linebacker John Busing, who intercepted five passes and returned two for touchdowns.

The offensive list includes junior wideout Martin Nance, who caught 90 passes for 1,498 yards and 11 TDs; tailback Mike Smith, who ran for 17 scores; and receiver/kick returner Ryne Robinson, who had three touchdowns returning punts as a true freshman.

So if new quarterback Josh Betts is merely solid, Miami may not miss Roethlisberger as much as you think.

HEAD COACH:

Terry Hoeppner, 6th Year
Record: 40-20
Career Record: 40-20

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Yager Stadium
Capacity: 30,012
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	Indiana State
S.4	@MICHIGAN
S.11	@CINCINNATI
S.18	Ohio
S.29	@MARSHALL
O.9	Kent State
O.16	@BUFFALO
O.23	UCF
N.3	Toledo
N.13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN
N.20	@AKRON

3 PRESEASON RANK

Central Florida GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Orlando, Fla.

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 2-6 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.ucfathletics.com

Who could have predicted that the Golden Knights, who entered the league with a 6-2 bang in 2002, would collapse with a 2-6 thud last season?

No, the Knights' talent wasn't nearly as bad as that record would indicate. Much of it returns this year, giving new coach George O'Leary a chance to enhance his image with a quick rebuilding job.

It won't be easy, though.

The good news is that UCF returns its top six receivers from last season, including seniors Tavaris Capers (67 catches) and Luther Huggins (26). The bad news is that there are questions surrounding the quarterback position; neither senior Jon Rivera nor sophomore Steven Moffett holds a solid grasp on the starter's job.

The same goes for the ground game. Senior tailback Alex Haynes had 774 yards rushing last season and is on track to become the school's all-time ground-gainer. But the offensive line is young and may start as many as four sophomores.

That dichotomy extends to the defense. Strong safety Atari Bigby is a two-time all-league performer, while fellow senior Peter Sands topped the Golden Knights with 113 tackles a year ago. But the Knights somehow found a way to finish next-to-last in the MAC in passing yardage allowed by giving up 256 yards a game.

The loss of linebacker Antoine Poe to a career-ending injury will be tough for UCF to overcome, while junior linemen Paul Carrington and Frisner Nelson must shoulder a bigger load for the defense.

So with the move to Conference USA next season, will the Golden Knights' final year in the MAC more closely resemble 2001 or 2002? The addition of O'Leary, as well as the talent already on hand, tips the scales in favor of the former.

HEAD COACH:

George O'Leary, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 52-33

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Citrus Bowl
Capacity: 70,188
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@WISCONSIN
S.11	West Virginia
S.18	@PENN STATE
O.2	@BUFFALO
O.9	Northern Illinois
O.16	Akron
O.23	@MIAMI (OH)
O.30	@MARSHALL
N.6	Ohio
N.13	@BALL STATE
N.23	Kent State

4 PRESEASON RANK

Akron ZIPS

Akron, Ohio

2003 Record: 7-4 overall, 4-4 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.gozips.com

The Heisman Trophy campaign for Charlie Frye has already begun.

Yard signs, bumper stickers and campaign buttons featuring the senior quarterback have begun to sprout. There's even a nifty logo to remind people that Frye already has 11 career 300-yard passing games, two of which included more than 400 yards.

The campaign clearly isn't misguided, since Frye is a capable quarterback who has a chance to break former Marshall star Byron Leftwich's MAC career passing mark.

No, here's the problem: Who will catch Frye's passes this fall? Who will run the ball to keep opposing defenses honest?

"Charlie will be the triggerman, but we need to find some guys to help him," says new coach J.D. Brookhart. "Charlie setting more records is not our goal this season."

The Zips need to replace their top three receivers from last year, as well as top tailback Bobby Hendry. One of the top candidates at receiver is Domenik Hixon, who played defense last season, while Jerell Ringer is the leader at tailback despite gaining just 327 yards in limited action a year ago.

The offensive line, featuring four returning starters led by seniors Aaron Conley at guard and Jim Borrieci at center, should become a solid anchor upon which to build.

The defense, despite having five starters back, will be retooled after ranking near the bottom of the MAC statistically the past two seasons. Perhaps "rearranged" is a more accurate description, since four starters will be in different positions.

Standout linebacker Chase Blackburn moves to a rush-end spot after leading the team in tackles the past two seasons.

HEAD COACH:

J.D. Brookhart, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Rubber Bowl
Capacity: 34,000
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@PENN STATE
S.11	Middle Tennessee
S.18	@VIRGINIA
S.23	@KENT STATE
O.2	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS
O.9	Buffalo
O.16	@UCF
O.23	Ball State
N.5	Marshall
N.13	@OHIO
N.20	Miami (OH)

PRESEASON RANK 5

Buffalo BULLS

Buffalo, N.Y.

2003 Record: 1-11 overall, 1-7 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu

Since joining the MAC in 1999, the Bulls have won only four of the 40 league games they've played.

But Buffalo is showing signs of getting better in its fifth year as a Division I-A program. The problem for coach Jim Hofher and his team is that as soon as the Bulls show improvement, the rest of the league seems to lift the bar even higher.

This season Buffalo is stronger, quicker and faster than teams in years past. It's also more experienced, with nine starters back on offense and seven more on defense. But at some point this developing program needs to escape from under the negative clouds and create an atmosphere where winning is seen as more than a pipe dream.

There are only 10 seniors on the roster this fall, so 2005 seems to be the target date to take that big step forward. But why not this year?

One reason is that there are still a few holes to be filled. On offense, the biggest one is at quarterback, where Randall Secky and P.J. Piskorik split the snaps.

Whoever gets the starting job will have plenty of weapons, including wide receivers such as Matt Knueven (47 catches) and speedy DeSean Larmond and running backs like Dave Dawson (678 yards) and Aaron Leeper (522). The protection should be good thanks to an experienced line.

The defense also features experience up front, where end Phil Jacques anchors a group that has 78 career starts. The backfield returns three starters, including top returning tackler Gemara Williams at strong safety.

The hole in the defense is at linebacker, where the team's third- and fourth-leading tacklers were lost to graduation. Much of the pressure to fill their shoes will fall to Bryan Cummings (69 tackles).

HEAD COACH:

Jim Hofher, 4th Year
Record: 5-30
Career Record: 49-66

STADIUM INFO:

Name: University of Buffalo Stadium
Capacity: 31,000
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN
S.11	Syracuse
S.18	@NEVADA
S.25	@OHIO
O.2	UCF
O.9	@AKRON
O.16	Miami (OH)
O.23	@MARSHALL
N.6	Kent State
N.13	Central Michigan
N.20	@CONNECTICUT

PRESEASON RANK 6

Ohio BOBCATS

Athens, Ohio

2003 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.ohiobobcats.com

The Bobcats have made big changes on offense, moving away from the triple-option attack that had been a staple in Athens since current Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe came to the program in 1995.

New offensive coordinator Phil Earley has implemented a one-back scheme that features as many as four wide receivers, multiple tight ends and plenty of shifting before the snap.

The new offense better suits quarterback Ryan Hawk, who split time with two other signal-callers last season. But many other pieces of the offensive puzzle are being recast—after all, the option is tailback-oriented, while a one-back offense obviously is not.

Ray Huston and Stafford Owens, the team's third- and fourth-leading rushers last season, have moved to receiver to build up depth at that position. They join Anthony Hackett and Scott Mayle, who combined for 51 catches in last year's run-dominated offense.

John Taylor enters fall drills as the leader to start at tailback, with Brad Young, the top returning rusher as part of a group nipping at his heels for the job. Senior left tackle Dennis Thompson leads an experienced offensive line, but again the experience is for run-blocking, not pass protection.

There is more stability on defense, which returns eight starters from a squad that finished fourth in the league by allowing just 369.6 yards per game a year ago. But the Bobcat defense wasn't perfect. Five times last season Ohio saw a second-half lead slip away.

Among the returnees are linebacker Dennis Chukwuemeka, who led the Bobcats with 100 tackles in 10 games, and Rob Stover, a senior who made 15 tackles behind the line and leads a talented defensive backfield.

HEAD COACH:

Brian Knorr, 4th Year
Record: 7-28
Career Record: 7-28

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Peden Stadium
Capacity: 24,000
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	Virginia Military
S.11	@PITTSBURGH
S.18	@MIAMI (OH)
S.25	Buffalo
O.2	@KENTUCKY
O.9	Marshall
O.16	@TOLEDO
O.23	Bowling Green
O.30	@KENT STATE
N.6	@UCF
N.13	Akron

PRESEASON RANK 7

Kent State GOLDEN FLASHES

Kent, Ohio

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.kentstatesports.com

How important was Joshua Cribbs to the Golden Flashes last season?

If he can't play in 2004, Kent State fans will find out, and the answer probably won't be pretty.

Cribbs, who was jailed in January on charges of trafficking marijuana and domestic violence, single-handedly kept the Flashes in games last season. The league's most talented athlete a year ago—and remember, NFL draft picks Ben Roethlisberger and Josh Harris played in the MAC against him—Cribbs threw for 2,424 yards and ran for another 701 despite having teams load up to stop him.

But now his return is uncertain, and that's bad news for new coach Doug Martin. Hired to replace Dean Pees, who during the winter jumped ship for a job with the New England Patriots, Martin served as the team's offensive coordinator last season and helped Kent State average a respectable 26.8 points per game.

If Cribbs isn't back, reaching that total again will be difficult. His replacement at QB, sophomore Antwan Smith, is untested, while the offensive line is deep, but inexperienced. Senior Darrell Dowery and sophomore Najah Pruden should provide good targets at wide receiver.

At tailback, senior David Alston has played just nine games in the past two seasons because of injury, while backups Kevin Beverly and Luke Tillman are only sophomores.

Eight starters return on defense, led by linebacker Eric Mahl and the entire secondary. Mahl made 126 stops last season and should be busy making stops again this fall behind an inexperienced line.

If Cribbs comes back, he will cover up some of this team's shortcomings. If not, look out below.

HEAD COACH:

Doug Martin, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Dix Stadium
Capacity: 29,287
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@IOWA
S.11	Liberty
S.18	@RUTGERS
S.23	Akron
O.2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
O.9	@MIAMI (OH)
O.16	Marshall
O.30	Ohio
N.6	@BUFFALO
N.13	Eastern Michigan
N.23	@UCF

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 8-4 overall, 6-2 MAC

Toledo

Toledo, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.utrockets.com

ROCKETS

Gradkowski has look of next great MAC QB, so look for Rockets to explode on national scene

Last season Bruce Gradkowski completed 71.2 percent of his passes, the second-best mark in Division I-A football, to throw for 3,210 yards and 29 touchdowns. Gradkowski's fine play propelled the Rockets to an average of 32.4 points per game.

Not bad for a sophomore in his first season as a starter, eh?

The scary thing for Toledo opponents is that Gradkowski is a junior whom coach Tom Amstutz expects to be a year older and a year wiser—and a year better.

"We're going to add more wrinkles, more information to our offense," Amstutz says. "Also, the responsibility to run the offense will fall on his shoulders more."

Gradkowski will have plenty of help in running that offense. Senior Lance Moore led the nation with 103 receptions in 12 games last season, while sophomore Steve Odom added 62 catches in his first year on the field and tight end Andrew Clarke earned all-league honors with eight TD catches.

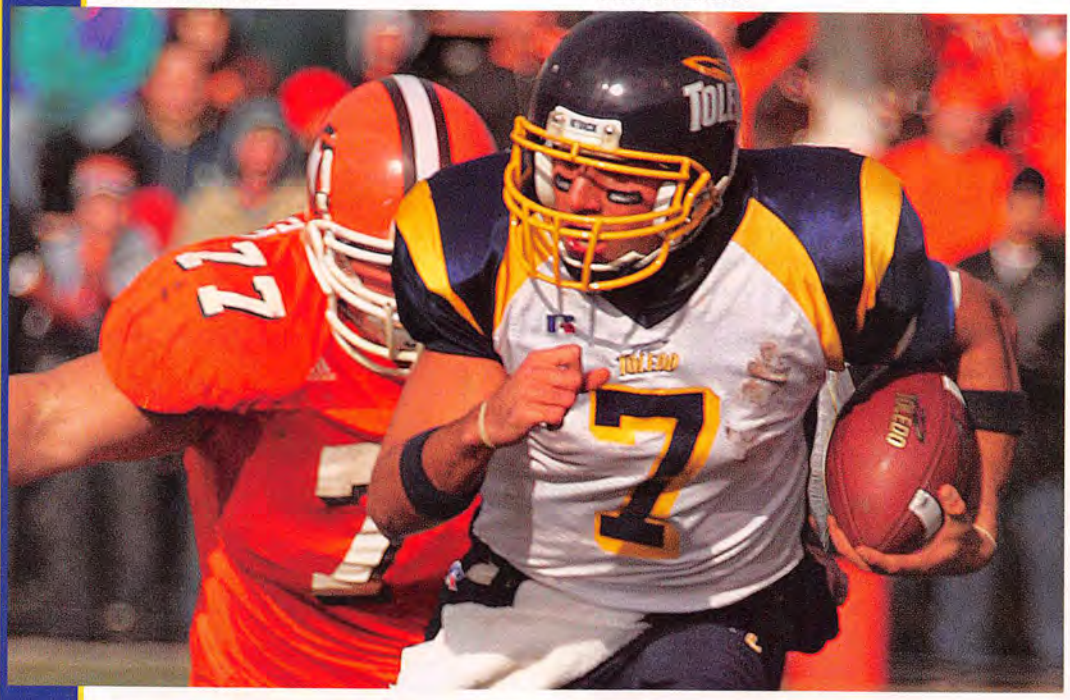
Junior Trinity Dawson provides good run-pass balance after rushing for 999 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns last season, but the offensive line must replace three starters. Senior tackle Nick Kaczur, one of the best linemen in the MAC, provides a good foundation.

The biggest questions for Toledo are on defense, where five starters were lost from a middle-of-the-pack unit. In particular, the Rockets must replace the entire defensive line, which lost all four starters.

That will put pressure on an experienced secondary led by senior safety Patrick Body, who had 77 tackles and three interceptions a year ago. Cornerbacks Antonio Malone and Bo Martin must perform well early as the line gains experience, while former Wisconsin starter Michael Broussard as well as Keon Jackson must lead the linebackers.

But the best news for the defense? They won't have to face Bruce Gradkowski and the Rocket offense.

Bruce Gradkowski, *QB*



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2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.5	@MINNESOTA		
S.11	@KANSAS		
S.18	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	49-14
S.25	Temple		
O.2	Ball State	L	14-38
O.9	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	34-17
O.16	Ohio		
O.23	Central Michigan	W	31-13
N.3	@MIAMI (OH)		
N.10	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	49-30
N.23	Bowling Green	L	23-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 30/18

OFFENSE		
QB	7	Bruce Gradkowski (6-2, 210, Jr.)
		Marques Council (6-3, 194, Fr.-R)
TB	38	Trinity Dawson (5-10, 195, Jr.)
	23	Quinton Broussard (5-9, 200, Jr.)
LT	68	Nick Kaczur (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	63	Jerry Aguwa (6-5, 290, So.)
LG	76	Chris Wakeman (6-5, 290, Jr.)
	69	Jesse Anderson (6-5, 285, So.)
C	51	David Odenthal (6-2, 299, Sr.)
	70	Hassan Adebesin (6-2, 292, So.)
RG	67	Wael Jarbou (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	64	Dave Perkins (6-2, 290, Fr.-R)
RT	79	John Greco (6-5, 315, Fr.-R)
	78	Mike Sacco (6-7, 285, Sr.)
TE	89	Andrew Clarke (6-4, 249, Sr.)
	81	Chris Holmes (6-6, 265, Sr.)
WR	1	Lance Moore (5-11, 184, Sr.)
	85	David Washington (6-5, 220, Fr.-R)
WR	9	Terrance Hudson (6-1, 184, Sr.)
	17	Kenley Horton (6-2, 171, So.)
WR	80	Steve Odom (5-10, 165, So.)
	22	Pete Lepley (6-1, 200, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	98	Phil Alexander (6-3, 254, Sr.)
	90	Melvin Butler (6-2, 240, Jr.)
DT	96	J.P. Bekasiak (6-5, 272, So.)
	87	Patrick Clark (6-4, 260, Fr.-R)
DT	61	Tyree Pollard (6-4, 310, Fr.-R)
	92	Sean Williamson (6-2, 287, So.)
DE	56	Jerome Walker (6-5, 257, So.)
	43	Don Gaines (6-4, 252, Sr.)
OLB	3	Michael Broussard (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	15	Mike Chamberlain (6-2, 196, So.)
ILB	40	Anthony Jordan (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	35	Seth Thitoff (6-2, 225, So.)
ILB	8	David Thomas (6-2, 230, Sr.)
	44	Mike Alston (6-2, 205, So.)
OLB	6	Keon Jackson (5-11, 206, Jr.)
	21	Travis Williams (6-2, 192, Fr.-R)
CB	5	Bo Martin (6-1, 198, So.)
	37	Nigel Morris (6-0, 164, Fr.-R)
CB	30	Antonio Malone (6-1, 186, Jr.)
	19	Jason Flowers (6-0, 174, Jr.)
FS	11	Patrick Body (6-2, 201, Sr.)
	14	Shawn Nixon (6-1, 191, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	24	Jason Robbins (5-10, 158, Jr.)
P	31	Jason Cox (6-1, 207, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Glass Bowl **Capacity:** 26,248 **Turf:** Artficial	**Tom Amstutz,** 4th Year **Record:** 27-11 **Career Record:** 27-11	**Rob Spence** (Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coord.), **Lou West** (Def. Coord.), **Doug Downing** (RBs), **Joe Gilbert** (OL), **Chris Hedden** (TEs), **Randall McCray**(LBs), **John Shannon**(WRs), **David Walkosky** (FS/Outside LBs), **Dennis Winston** (DL), **Chris Binder** (Grad. Asst.), **Andy Boyd** (Grad. Asst.), **Jeff Leopold** (Grad. Asst.)

MID-AMERICAN WEST

PRESEASON RANK 2

Northern Illinois HUSKIES

Dekalb, Ill.

2003 Record: 10-2 overall, 6-2 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.niuhuskies.com

Who could blame the Huskies for entering this season with a chip on their shoulder?

Last season NIU finished with a 10-2 record. Their reward? They sat at home while lesser teams bowled. It was the same in 2002, when the 8-4 Huskies got locked out of the postseason by falling 41 seconds short of beating Toledo and winning the MAC West.

"We beat Wake Forest and Bowling Green in 2002 and then we beat Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State last year. Great wins for our program, no doubt, but we're here to win the MAC," says coach Joe Novak. "We've got some work to do. Ask our kids. They want that MAC title. They're hungry for that."

Northern Illinois' route to a crown is different from the rest of the MAC, which seems to have turned into a pass-happy scoring carnival. The Huskies rely on a punishing ground game and an equally punishing defense that focuses on creating turnovers to stymie their opponents.

Is there life after Burner? Michael "The Burner" Turner put the teeth into the rushing game last season, topping the league with 137.3 yards per game; but Turner was drafted by the San Diego Chargers. A.J. Harris, who ripped off 157 yards in the spring game, is the top candidate to replace him.

Balance must come from a passing game triggered by quarterback Josh Haldi, a two-year starter and solid decision-maker, as well as receiver Dan Sheldon, who missed half of last season after dislocating his elbow. The line is led by senior tackle Jake VerStraete.

On defense, six starters are back. Senior Lionel "Boogie" Hickenbottom is the unit's leader from the free-safety slot, while senior Martin Wilson is the only returning starter on the defensive line.

HEAD COACH:

Joe Novak, 9th Year
Record: 38-52
Career Record: 38-52

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Huskie Stadium
Capacity: 30,076
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@MARYLAND
S.11	Southern Illinois
S.18	@IOWA STATE
S.24	Bowling Green
O.2	Akron
O.9	@UCF
O.16	Central Michigan
O.23	@WESTERN MICHIGAN
O.30	@BALL STATE
N.10	Toledo
N.20	@EASTERN MICHIGAN

PRESEASON RANK 3

Bowling Green FALCONS

Bowling Green, Ohio

2003 Record: 11-3 overall, 7-1 MAC

(beat Northwestern in the Motor City Bowl, 28-24)

Official athletic Web site: www.bgsufalcons.com

Nearly every starter on both offense and defense from last season's Motor City Bowl championship team is back for the Falcons. But the one player missing leaves a huge hole.

Ultra-athletic quarterback Josh Harris led the MAC in total offense last season by piling up 4,643 yards, including 3,813 passing and another 830 rushing. He helped BG average 33.6 points per game in winning the West, but now he's gone after the Baltimore Ravens selected him in the sixth round of this year's NFL Draft.

Coach Gregg Brandon doesn't expect the insertion of Omar Jacobs into the starting QB slot to slow his team's offense.

"Josh Harris had to elevate his game to get us to the next level [last year], and that's what he did," Brandon says. "Now this year all of the other backs and receivers have to elevate their games to get us to the next level."

There are plenty of talented players surrounding Jacobs. Cole Magner (99 catches, 1,138 yards) and Charles Sharon (59 for 887) each caught 10 TD passes last season. Bowling Green returns its top seven receivers. P.J. Pope gained 1,057 yards and scored 10 TDs to lead the rushing game, which also returns B.J. Lane's 518 yards.

And senior center Scott Mruczkowski anchors a line that features three seniors and two juniors.

On defense, all 11 positions feature a player who started at least half of the Falcons' games in 2003. The defensive line returns intact after posting 33 sacks a season ago; junior Mitchell Crossley had nine, while Devon Parks had five as a true-freshman starter. The linebackers, led by senior Jovon Burkes and his 78 tackles, are a talented bunch.

HEAD COACH:

Gregg Brandon, 2nd Year
Record: 11-3
Career Record: 11-3

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Perry Stadium
Capacity: 30,599
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@OKLAHOMA
S.11	Southeast Missouri State
S.24	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS
O.2	@TEMPLE
O.9	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
O.16	Ball State
O.23	@OHIO
O.30	Eastern Michigan
N.6	Western Michigan
N.13	Marshall
N.23	@TOLEDO

PRESEASON RANK 4

Western Michigan BRONCOS

Kalamazoo, Mich.

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.wmubroncos.com

The coming season is a critical one to determine the direction of the Bronco program.

Western Michigan won back-to-back West Division titles in 1999 and 2000, but a loss at Northern Illinois midway through 2001 sent the Broncos spiraling. Since that loss, WMU is 8-13 in the MAC and 10-19 overall.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of questions coach Gary Darnell needs to answer to get the Broncos moving back upward.

On offense, WMU has lost both quarterbacks, its top running back and a pair of starters on the offensive line and at receiver. The probable starter at quarterback is Ryan Cubit, a transfer from Rutgers who started 11 games as a freshman for the Scarlet Knights but made only four starts in 2002 before transferring.

Wideouts Kendrick Mosley and Antonio Thomas are also gone, but Greg Jennings is back after catching 56 passes for 1,050 yards last season. And senior Kyle Ras joins junior Mark Ottney as building blocks on the line, which also includes the best one-two punch at tight end in the league in junior Tony Scheffler and sophomore Tyson DeVree.

But the replacement for running back Phil Reed, a 1,000-yard rusher last season, is uncertain; untested juniors Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks are the leading candidates.

While Jason Babin, the MAC's two-time Defensive Player of the Year, is gone, the line still will be the strength of the defense. Senior Jack Gitler should receive more attention now that Babin is in the NFL.

The Bronco linebackers are small, but sophomore Paul Tithof showed promise.

Perhaps the biggest weapon the Broncos have is punter Adam Anderson, a senior with 17 punts of 50-plus yards in 2003.

HEAD COACH:

Gary Darnell, 8th Year
Record: 45-36
Career Record: 51-68

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Waldo Stadium
Capacity: 30,200
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.2	Tennessee-Martin
S.11	@VIRGINIA TECH
S.18	@ILLINOIS
S.25	@BALL STATE
O.9	Toledo
O.16	Eastern Michigan
O.23	Northern Illinois
O.30	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
N.6	@BOWLING GREEN
N.13	Miami (OH)
N.20	@MARSHALL

5 PRESEASON RANK

Ball State CARDINALS

Muncie, Ind.

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 3-5 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.ballstatesports.com

Brady Hoke may be in his second season building up the football program at his alma mater, but the changes he has made with the Cardinals should become more apparent this fall.

The biggest change is the move of junior Larry Bostic from wide receiver to tailback; by the end of spring drills Bostic had wrested the starter's job away from senior Scott Blair. Bostic's move gets him on the field more, something that wouldn't have happened if he had continued to back up Dante Ridgeway at wide receiver.

Last season Ridgeway, also a junior, set a pair of school records by catching 89 passes for 1,075 yards, and his 10 receiving touchdowns tied a third record. Ridgeway is one of several returning receivers for the Cardinals; he is joined by Bryan Williamson and Ryan Hahaj as well as tight ends Mark Franklin and Michael Steinhaus.

Who will throw the ball to this group of receivers, or hand it to Bostic? Hard to say, since the only returning quarterback with game experience, Joey Lynch, has thrown exactly three passes in his career.

The offensive line is also a question with only two returning starters in center Nick Tabacca and left guard Jeff Ramsey.

On defense, only four starters are back, including senior strong safety Justin Beriault. Last season Beriault did it all, finishing with 145 tackles, six passes broken up, two fumbles forced and one recovered. Riley Larimore and Conrad Slaughter, two returning starters on the defensive line, will need to pick up their game to help Beriault as the rest of a young, inexperienced defense gains confidence.

A strong recruiting class may need to step forward quickly if the Cardinals are to have any success this fall.

HEAD COACH:

Brady Hoke, 2nd Year
Record: 4-8
Career Record: 4-8

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Ball State Stadium
Capacity: 22,500
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.2	Boston College
S.11	@PURDUE
S.18	@MISSOURI
S.25	Western Michigan
O.2	@TOLEDO
O.9	Eastern Michigan
O.16	@BOWLING GREEN
O.23	@AKRON
O.30	Northern Illinois
N.13	UCF
N.20	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN

6 PRESEASON RANK

Central Michigan CHIPPEWAS

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.cmuchippewas.com

OK, we'll ask the smart-aleck question right away: Is the Division I-A Central Michigan squad of new coach Brian Kelly better than the Division II Grand Valley State program he just left?

Before you answer, consider this: Grand Valley State won back-to-back Division II national titles under Kelly after finishing as the runner-up in 2001. The Chippewas, meanwhile, have posted one winning season since the 1994 team won the MAC title, and that winning season was a less-than-stellar 6-5 mark in 1998.

Kelly's clearly got plenty of work to do. Last season CMU's defense ranked last in the league in rushing defense and total defense, giving up 501.8 yards per contest.

One change the Chippewas have made on that side of the ball is to move talented safety James King to a "drop" linebacker spot. The idea is to give King, who last season had 143 tackles, a chance to make even more stops. He is also a special-teams demon who has blocked 10 kicks in his career.

Talented sophomore Isaac Brown also switched positions, moving from halfback to safety. A year ago Brown had six carries as a true freshman, but the emergence of fellow newcomer Jerry Seymour allowed him to make the switch.

The diminutive Seymour, who is generously listed at 5-6, earned second-team all-league honors as a true freshman after rushing for 1,117 yards and eight TDs in just nine games.

Who will be in the backfield with Seymour, calling the signals? Good question, since Central Michigan has little experience at that position. The top candidates are senior Grant Arnoldink, who threw 21 passes in 2003; junior Kent Smith, who threw 32 passes in 2002; and incoming freshman Brian Brunner.

HEAD COACH:

Brian Kelly, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 118-35-2

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Kelly/Shorts Stadium
Capacity: 30,199
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@INDIANA
S.11	@MICHIGAN STATE
S.18	Southeast Missouri State
O.2	Kent State
O.9	Bowling Green
O.16	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS
O.23	@TOLEDO
O.30	Western Michigan
N.6	@EASTERN MICHIGAN
N.13	@BUFFALO
N.20	Ball State

7 PRESEASON RANK

Eastern Michigan EAGLES

Ypsilanti, Mich.

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 2-6 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.emich.edu/goeagles

If no one who saw the Eagles in 2003 recognized this year's team, well, that would make new coach Jeff Genyk smile.

Genyk took over as coach at Eastern Michigan in December after the program saw its league record over the past three years fall to 2-20. The Eagles have won three games or less in each of the past four seasons and have posted exactly one winning season since 1989.

"Developing mental toughness will be a big factor [in making a turnaround]," Genyk says. "We want to change the thought process and work on [the players'] confidence level."

What made last season most frustrating for the Eagles was that an offense that had not had trouble gaining yards or scoring points in the past suddenly struggled to do both. Eastern Michigan finished next-to-last in Division I-A football in total offense, and its scoring offense mustered 17.1 points per game to finish one rung up from the bottom of the MAC.

The good news is that tailback Anthony Sherrill provides a ground game for the Eagles. Last season he finished seventh in the nation with 127.6 yards per contest. Sherrill has a chance to match those numbers this year thanks to four returning starters on the line, led by seniors Tom Kaleita and Scott Golem.

The bad news is that little else returns. The quarterback probably will be named Bohnet: either Ken Bohnet, who played in six games as a true freshman last season, or his older brother Matt, a junior who sat out a year ago after transferring from Iowa.

The Eagles have nine starters back on defense, led by a secondary that returns virtually intact. Seniors Jerry Gaines and Rontrell Woodruff are back at safety.

HEAD COACH:

Jeff Genyk, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Rynearson Stadium
Capacity: 30,200
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.2	Buffalo
S.11	@FLORIDA
S.18	Toledo
S.25	Eastern Illinois
O.2	Idaho
O.9	@BALL STATE
O.16	@WESTERN MICHIGAN
O.30	@BOWLING GREEN
N.6	Central Michigan
N.13	@KENT STATE
N.20	Northern Illinois

SUN BELT *Predicted order of finish:*

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9
UNT	New Mexico State	LSU	Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns	ASU Indians	MT	Utah State	Vandals	ULM
p.114	p.115	p.115	p.116	p.116	p.116	p.117	p.117	p.117

Rating the players

astest receiver: **Jason Samples**, WR, Troy State
est hands: **Kerry Wright**, WR, Middle Tennessee
est passing QB: **Travis Cox**, Utah State
est option QB: **Buck Pierce**, New Mexico State
ost elusive RB: **Patrick Cobbs**, North Texas
est instincts: **Demarcus Ware**, DE, Troy State
est athlete: **Adrian Awasom**, DL, North Texas
est under pressure: **Steven Jyles**, QB, Louisiana-Monroe
est NFL prospect: **Adrian Awasom**, DL, North Texas
op impact freshman: **D.T. McDowell**, QB, Troy State
ardest hitter: **Robert Walls**, LB, Utah State
iggest underachiever: **Michael Harrington**, QB, Idaho

Rating the coaches

est strategist: **Rickey Bustle**, Louisiana-Lafayette
est recruiter: **Darrell Dickey**, North Texas
oach on the spot: **Andy McCollum**, Middle Tennessee

Don't be surprised if ...

Troy State makes a run at the crown in its first Sun Belt season.

One man's opinion

"Unless you are playing on New Year's Day, this is the best possible bowl to play in...It's great to be the first bowl of the season and then be back in time to spend the holidays with our families and watch all of the other games."

—North Texas coach Darrell Dickey on the New Orleans Bowl

Rating the recruits

1. North Texas
Located in one of the deepest states for talent in the country, the Mean Green gets its share, led by DB T.J. Covington and RB Jamario Thomas.

2. Utah State
Signed players to fill several needs, including top prospects OL Brent Deladuranty and DT Brian Soi.

3. Troy State
QB D.T. McDowell, if he doesn't sign pro baseball contract, could start, and RB Kenny Cattouse is highly touted.

4. Middle Tennessee
This was a good recruiting year for the Blue Raiders, led by DT Chris Anderson, WR Cleannord Saintil and DB Lonnie Clemons.

5. Arkansas State
Defense has become an emphasis for the Indians and adding DL Edgar Givens will help in that aim.

6. Louisiana-Monroe
Lots of help is needed, and the Indians found some, especially DL Josh Mitchell and RB Danny Royster.

7. Louisiana-Lafayette
Coach Rickey Bustle called this a "fantastic group," which includes LB Brenton Burkhalter and QB Michael Desormeaux.

8. New Mexico State
Finding offensive help was the goal. The Aggies signed 16, nine of those for offense, including WR Jeremy Lawson.

9. Idaho
With lots of areas of need, Vandals hope RB Jayson Bird (state 100-meter champ), QB Chris Joseph and DT Evan Ruud will help.

Official conference Web site: www.sunbeltsports.org

Ever-changing league will get early chance at attention-grabbing upsets

By Tommy Hicks
Mobile (Ala.) Register

Just as with many other conferences across the country, the Sun Belt Conference's football landscape continues to change almost yearly. Troy State enters the fold this season, giving the league nine teams competing for the league crown and the ensuing berth in the New Orleans Bowl Dec. 14.

Florida Atlantic, which made the I-AA semifinals last year, is set to join in 2005, while Florida International, already a Sun Belt member in other sports, is moving its football program to the I-A level and Sun Belt competition in 2005 as well.

The league's western borders will shrink with New Mexico State and Utah State headed to the Western Athletic Conference after this season.

For now, North Texas is *the* Sun Belt football power. The Mean Green have played in every New Orleans Bowl and should return to the Big Easy this season. But the competition is increasing and a couple of rivalries are developing.

Troy State, which has won NAIA and NCAA Division II titles and was very competitive in Division I-AA, adds some strength to the conference chase, while New Mexico State has shown big improvement.

While competing for the league championship, Sun Belt teams are also after national recognition. This season, they'll get their chance at some attention-gaining upsets. League teams will play nine games against SEC teams and six against Big 12 opponents, including six the first week of the season. There are also games against Pac-10, ACC, WAC, Conference USA, Mountain West and Mid-American teams.

Picking up a win (or two or three) against some of those teams, especially teams from the BCS leagues, is certainly an aim, as is having some of the Sun Belt's individual players gain the national spotlight. Those candidates include North Texas running back Patrick Cobbs, the nation's leading rusher (152.7 yards a game) and scorer (11.5 points a game) last season; Troy State defensive end Demarcus Ware, a solid NFL prospect; and New Mexico State linebacker Rich Glover, the son of the former Nebraska All-American of the same name.

Of course, the first order of business is raising the league's winning percentage and power rating. North Texas was unbeaten in league play last year, but no other team had more than four league wins. What's more, beyond the Mean Green's 9-4 overall mark—including a 27-17 loss to Memphis in the New Orleans Bowl—no Sun Belt team won more than five games, meaning the other six teams all had losing records.

Games to watch

Troy State at New Mexico State, Sept. 18
The Trojans' first official league game matches the No. 3 and No. 2 picks, respectively.

North Texas at Baylor, Sept. 25
No doubt the Big 12 Bears remember last year's 52-14 loss in Denton.

New Mexico State at North Texas, Oct. 23
The last conference meeting between the top two preseason picks, as the Aggies head to the WAC next year.

Street & Smith's ALL-SUN BELT TEAM

Adrian Awason, DL

OFFENSE

QB—**Scott Hall**, Sr., North Texas
RB—**Patrick Cobbs**, Sr., North Texas
RB—**DeWhitt Betterson**, Sr., Troy State
WR—**Jason Samples**, Sr., Troy State
WR—**Kerry Wright**, Sr., Middle Tennessee
TE—**Luke Smith-Anderson**, So., Idaho
OL—**Andy Brewster**, Jr., North Texas
OL—**Steve Subia**, Sr., New Mexico State
OL—**Bruce Hampton**, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe
OL—**Brandon Cox**, So., Louisiana-Lafayette
OL—**Donald Penn**, Jr., Utah State
PK—**Sean Comiskey**, So., Louisiana-Lafayette
KR—**Charles Estes**, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe

DEFENSE

DL—**Adrian Awason**, Sr., North Texas
DL—**Demarcus Ware**, Sr., Troy State
DL—**Ronald Tupea**, Sr., Utah State
DL—**Courtney Todd**, Sr., Arkansas State
LB—**Robert Watts**, Sr., Utah State
LB—**Rich Glover**, Jr., New Mexico State
LB—**Mike Anderson**, Jr., Idaho
DB—**Derrick Ansley**, Sr., Troy State
DB—**Jonas Buckles**, Sr., North Texas
DB—**Chris Harris**, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe
DB—**C.C. Brown**, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette
P—**Joel Stelly**, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe

PRESEASON RANK **1**

2003 Record: 9-4 overall, 7-0 Sun Belt *(lost to Memphis in the New Orleans Bowl, 27-17)*

North Texas

Denton, Tx.

Official athletic Web site: www.unt.edu/mgathletics

MEAN GREEN

Mean Green should continue to dominate with nation's leading rusher, Cobbs, back on the job

The Mean Green has staked its claim as the Sun Belt's dominant team, and there was no real challenge last season. North Texas had the league's only overall winning record and was unbeaten in conference play. The reason for such standing is simple: talented players and a good recruiting staff located in one of the country's deepest talent pools.

Darrell Dickey and his staff have the Mean Green on the rise, having won 17 games the past two seasons, and with players such as Patrick Cobbs, Adrian Awasom, Scott Hall and Jonas Buckles on this year's roster, there's an excellent chance the winning will continue.

Cobbs is the leading offensive weapon—and not just in the Sun Belt. The 5-foot-9, 190-pound senior was the nation's leading rusher and scorer a year ago, averaging 152.7 yards and 11.5 points per game. Hall directed the offense at quarterback, passing for 1,732 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Defensively, Awasom is the leader of a front line that last season anchored the league's best unit in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense. Buckles, a safety, had three interceptions and 54 tackles.

Those players have some help. North Texas returns eight offensive starters (including talented wide receivers Ja'Mel Branch and Johnny Quinn), six starters on defense and two more on special teams. Two-time Sun Belt Player-of-the-Year Brandon Kennedy has departed, which is a big loss, but he is the only starter not returning on the defensive front. Linebacker, with all three starters departing, is the greatest area of concern. Taylor Casey, Chris Hurd and Cody Spencer were the team's top three tacklers the past two seasons. Shawn Early is expected to fill one of the spots, with Derek Mendoza and Arthur McNac possibly gaining the other starting spots.

Placekicker Nick Bazaldua and punter Brad Kadlubar, one of the league's best, return.

Confidence may be the best asset. The Mean Green has won 18 straight league games and has not backed away from top teams in big-name conferences, opening last season at top-ranked Oklahoma and this year traveling to Texas to open the season.

Patrick Cobbs, *RB*

STEVE BEYER

STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Fouts Field **Capacity:** 30,500 **Turf:** Artificial	**Darrell Dickey,** 7th Year **Record:** 30-41 **Career Record:** 30-41	**Ramon Flanigan** (off. coordinator/QBs), **Bruce Bell** (RBs), **Rick Gailey** (WRs), **Harold Etheridge** (OL), **Duke Atterberry** (TEs), **Kenny Evans** (def. coordinator/LBs), **Mike Bugar** (DL), **Sam McElroy** (DBs), **Eric Russell** (DEs/special teams)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@TEXAS		
S.11	Florida Atlantic		
S.18	@COLORADO		
S.25	@BAYLOR	W	52-14
O.2	Middle Tennessee St.	W	33-28
O.9	@UTAH STATE	W	37-27
O.23	New Mexico State	W	13-10
O.30	Louisiana-Monroe	W	28-26
N.6	@LA.-LAFAYETTE	W	44-23
N.13	Idaho	W	24-14
N.20	@ARKANSAS STATE	W	58-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/13

OFFENSE		
QB	11	Scott Hall (6-1, 211, Sr.)
	12	Andrew Smith (6-0, 180, Jr.)
FB	4	Cordale Baldwin (5-10, 195, So.)
	37	James Mitchell (5-9, 192, So.)
TB	43	Patrick Cobbs (5-9, 190, Jr.)
	30	Kevin Moore (5-9, 193, So.)
LT	64	Jason May (6-4, 295, Jr.)
	60	Jeremy Brown (6-5, 299, Fr.)
LG	76	Lonnie Chambers (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	54	Jonathan Jusiewicz (6-4, 255, Sr.)
C	57	Andy Brewster (6-2, 247, Sr.)
	68	Ephraim Patterson (6-3, 280, Jr.)
RG	73	Aaron Harvey (6-1, 312, Sr.)
	67	Dylan Lineberry (6-3, 310, So.)
RT	59	Weston Thaggard (6-4, 270, So.)
	78	Damion Nobles (6-4, 289, Sr.)
TE	7	Andy Blount (6-4, 215, Sr.)
	88	Beau Davidson (6-4, 230, Jr.)
WR	81	Johnny Quinn (6-0, 199, So.)
	13	T.J. Culberson (5-10, 164, Sr.)
WR	34	Ja'Mel Branch (5-7, 170, Sr.)
	31	Joel Nwigwe (5-11, 170, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	44	Tommy Harrison (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	97	Raigu Durodoye (6-1, 237, Fr.)
DT	93	Michael Pruitt (6-1, 288, Sr.)
	52	Chris Miller (6-1, 265, So.)
DT	95	Evan Cardwell (6-3, 270, Sr.)
	79	Montey Stevenson (6-2, 267, Fr.)
DE	85	Adrian Awasom (6-5, 275, Sr.)
	72	Joel Foster (6-4, 268, So.)
SLB	51	Derek Mendoza (6-1, 248, Fr.)
	41	Maurice Holman (6-1, 225, Fr.)
MLB	27	Arther McNac (6-0, 260, Jr.)
	53	Isaac Colbert (6-1, 234, Fr.)
WLB	46	Shawn Early (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	36	Phillip Graves (6-2, 211, So.)
CB	2	Markeith Knowlton (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	25	LeMario Hollis (6-0, 170, So.)
CB	18	Walter Priestley (5-10, 178, Sr.)
	9	Dominque Mackey (6-2, 191, Jr.)
FS	1	Jonas Buckles (5-11, 213, Sr.)
	26	Cass Starks (6-1, 205, So.)
SS	38	Allan Harrison (6-2, 199, So.)
	41	Christopher Walthall (6-0, 200, Fr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	29	Nick Bazaldua (5-10, 165, Jr.)
	32	Denis Hopovac (5-10, 181, Jr.)
P	35	Brad Kadlubar (5-11, 198, Sr.)
	29	Nick Bazaldua (5-10, 165, Jr.)

Las Cruces, N.M. PRESEASON RANK 2

New Mexico State AGGIES

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 2-5 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.amstatesports.com

Nothing seemed to go right for the Aggies last season. Picked to be a contender for the league title, New Mexico State finished next-to-last, posting a 2-5 mark in league play and 3-9 overall record. If one looked only at the stat sheet, the Aggies would figure to have finished high in the Sun Belt, boasting the league's top offense and second-ranked defense.

That did not parlay into victories, however. The Aggies lost four of their five league games by seven points or less and couldn't seem to come up with the big play at the right time.

The question mark is the offense, which returns just three starters. Quarterbacks Buck Pierce and Paul Dombrowski are back. Dombrowski missed five games last year because of injuries. Pierce set a school mark for pass-completion percentage (69.4) last year, while Dombrowski was the league's Newcomer of the Year in 2002.

Both signal-callers will likely call a lot of plays off the right side, where tackle Nick Cole and guard Steve Subia are the only other returning starters on offense. Receivers Tim Tolbert and Jared Quick will offer help, as will tackle Kyle Smith and I-back Tony Joseph, who rushed for 163 yards against Idaho and also had 100-yard games against Utah State, Middle Tennessee and Arkansas last year.

Defensively, the Aggies have lots of experience, with 10 starters returning. Rich Glover (yep, he's the son of the former Nebraska All-American), safety Matt Griebel and ends Greg Scaffidi and Aubrey Dorisme lead the way. Glover is a mainstay at linebacker and Griebel was the team's third-leading tackler despite missing four games due to injury. Dorisme was named the league's Newcomer of the Year and Scaffidi has shown talent, but missed five games because of injury a year ago.

One of the biggest concerns is turnover margin, where the Aggies ranked No. 103 in the country and next-to-last in the league last year. While leading the league in total offense, New Mexico State ranked just fifth in scoring offense (87th in the nation).

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Aggie Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 30,343
Turf: Grass

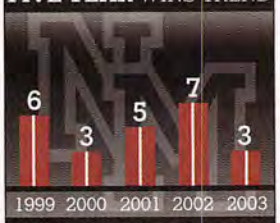
HEAD COACH:

Tony Samuel, 8th Year
Record: 29-51
Career Record: 29-51

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@ARKANSAS	L	20-48
S.11	@CALIFORNIA		
S.18	Troy State		
S.25	New Mexico	L	17-24
O.2	@UTEP		
O.9	Louisiana-Lafayette	L	24-26
O.23	@NORTH TEXAS	L	10-13
O.30	Florida International		
N.6	Middle Tennessee State	L	18-35
N.13	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC		
N.20	@UTAH STATE	W	26-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/20

OFFENSE

QB	11	Buck Pierce (6-1, 210, Sr.)
FB	47	David Romaka (5-8, 219, So.)
TB	26	Tony Joseph (5-11, 198, So.)
LT	75	Kyle Smith (6-2, 265, So.)
LG	65	Joe Quinones (6-0, 303, So.)
C	68	Glenn Propst (6-0, 349, Sr.)
RG	63	Steve Subia (6-1, 368, Sr.)
RT	64	Nick Cole (6-1, 348, Jr.)
TE	85	Travis Samuel (6-4, 260, So.)
WR	84	Tim Tolbert (6-1, 184, So.)
WR	80	Jared Quick (6-1, 181, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	46	Aubrey Dorisme (6-0, 251, Sr.)
NT	91	Jared Naylor (6-2, 278, So.)
DT	96	Chase Spicer (6-5, 278, Jr.)
DE	58	Chris Sneed (6-0, 213, So.)
SLB	49	Sean Dade (5-10, 203, Jr.)
MLB	42	Jimmy Cottrell (6-0, 237, Jr.)
WLB	57	Rich Glover (5-11, 224, Sr.)
CB	1	Cameron Wright (6-0, 181, Jr.)
CB	15	Spencer Moore (5-9, 167, So.)
FS	2	Matt Griebel (5-10, 180, Jr.)
SS	3	Dominique Jacobs (5-9, 198, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	93	Ryan Guardia (5-8, 216, Fr.)
P	16	Steven Smith (6-2, 215, Sr.)

Troy, Ala. PRESEASON RANK 3

Troy State TROJANS

2003 Record: 6-6 overall

Official athletic Web site: www.troystate.com

The Trojans are the new kids on the Sun Belt block, though they aren't strangers to football. Having earned a spot in the I-AA playoffs seven of the eight years they were eligible there, the Trojans enter their first season of conference play as a team with a chance to contend.

Larry Blakeney, the school's all-time winningest coach (106-48-1), has led the program from Division II to I-AA to I-A. He'll have experienced talent, as the Trojans have 17 returning starters—10 on offense, six on defense and one on special teams—all but one in their senior season.

Heading the list is running back DeWhitt Betterson, wide receiver Jason Samples, defensive end Demarcus Ware and free safety Derrick Ansley. All four have proven abilities and should have a big impact in the Trojans' season. Betterson is a power runner who averaged 97 yards a game last year, while Samples is Troy's best big-play threat. Ware had 32 quarterback hurries, six sacks and 16 tackles for losses last year, while Ansley was the team's leading tackler with 94 stops and also managed nine interceptions.

Aaron Leak is the returning quarterback, but was inconsistent last season. Some believe freshman signee D.T. McDowell will have a shot at claiming the starting spot if he doesn't sign a pro baseball contract. The line returns James Edwards, Lee Milliner, Henry Tellis and Junior Louissaint, with wide receiver Bryant Stewart also back.

Aside from Ware and Ansley, the defense returns tackles Torre Lankford and Eric Thomas; linebackers Bernard Davis, Boo Smith and Robby Farmer; and cornerbacks Freeman White and Johnny Faulk. There is a need to develop some talent at the safety positions, with Ansley the only player with any experience there.

While experience is the key to this year's team, newcomers have a chance to make an impact, too. McDowell at quarterback is one, while running back Kenny Cattouse is another.

Last season, TSU was 2-2 against Sun Belt opponents.

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Movie Gallery Stadium
Capacity: 30,000
Turf: Artificial

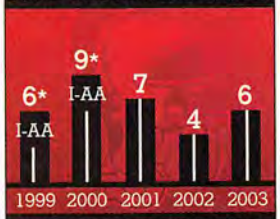
HEAD COACH:

Larry Blakeney, 14th Year
Record: 108-48-1
Career Record: 108-48-1

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	@MARSHALL	W	33-24
S.11	Missouri		
S.18	@NEW MEXICO STATE		
S.25	@SOUTH CAROLINA		
O.2	Utah State	W	23-14
O.16	@ARKANSAS STATE		
O.23	@LSU		
O.30	Idaho		
N.6	Florida Atlantic		
N.13	@LA.-LAFAYETTE		
N.20	Middle Tennessee State	L	20-27

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 56/14

OFFENSE

QB	7	Aaron Leak (6-3, 220, Sr.)
FB	33	Sean Dawkins (5-10, 225, r-Fr.)
TB	9	DeWhitt Betterson (6-0, 218, Sr.)
LT	60	Henry Tellis (6-5, 209, Sr.)
LG	79	Junior Louissaint (6-1, 227, Sr.)
C	72	James Gardner (6-3, 308, So.)
RG	59	Lee Milliner (6-3, 275, Sr.)
RT	73	James Edwards (6-5, 297, Jr.)
TE	44	Jordan Lesley (6-2, 238, Sr.)
SE	5	Jason Samples (6-0, 196, Sr.)
FLK	87	Eugene Hampton (6-2, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Demarcus Ware (6-4, 224, Sr.)
NT	78	Eric Thomas (6-0, 289, Sr.)
DT	96	Alfred Malone (6-4, 300, Sr.)
DE	99	Cedric Sullivan (6-3, 237, Sr.)
SLB	42	Robby Farmer (6-1, 227, Sr.)
MLB	30	Leverne Johnson (6-0, 232,
WLB	27	Bernard Davis (6-1, 215, Jr.)
CB	8	Johnny Faulk (5-10, 167, Jr.)
CB	24	Freeman White (5-10, 167, Sr.)
FS	10	Derrick Ansley (6-1, 171, Sr.)
SS	25	Clint Coe (6-2, 180, r-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	20	Thomas Olmsted (6-3, 218, Jr.)
P	20	Thomas Olmsted (6-3, 218, Jr.)

4 PRESEASON RANK

Louisiana-Lafayette RAGIN' CAJUNS

Lafayette, La.

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 4-3 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.ragincajuns.com

A strong finish to last season—winning four of their last five games, all four wins coming against Sun Belt teams—gives the Ragin' Cajuns some encouragement heading into league play this year. The Cajuns lost their first seven games, including defeats to North Texas and Louisiana-Monroe and designated conference foe Louisiana Tech. However, except for a loss at Southern Miss, UL-Lafayette was a winner at the end of the year, beating New Mexico State, Idaho, conference-game-designate Florida International and Middle Tennessee.

Keeping that momentum going will be made difficult because of heavy losses. Only 10 starters return for the 2004 season, led by quarterback Jerry Babb, offensive tackle Brandon Cox and strong safety C.C. Brown. Coach Rickey Bustle, a former offensive coordinator at Virginia Tech, is building the program he took over in 2001, but there is still more progress to be made.

In fact, the offense didn't have the punch some expected a year ago, finishing fifth in the Sun Belt in total offense, fifth in passing offense and sixth in rushing offense. The defense was no better, placing last in total defense.

And yet some believe this will be a solid year for the Ragin' Cajuns, perhaps based on the facts that Babb passed for more than 1,500 yards, there are several running backs who can help and the offensive line has some experienced players. While giving up a lot of yards on defense, the Cajuns did rank No. 2 in red-zone defense last season.

The biggest change defensively is a switch from a multiple eight-man front to the 4-3, geared to guard against the big play, which the Cajuns were victims of many times last season.

HEAD COACH:

Rickey Bustle, 3rd Year
Record: 7-17
Career Record: 7-17

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Cajun Field
Capacity: 31,000
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	Northwestern State
S.11	@LOUISIANA TECH
S.18	@KANSAS STATE
S.25	Middle Tennessee State
O.2	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
O.9	@NEW MEXICO STATE
O.16	@IDAHO
O.23	Arkansas State
N.6	North Texas
N.13	Troy State
N.20	@LOUISIANA-MONROE

5 PRESEASON RANK

Arkansas State INDIANS

Jonesboro, Ark.

2003 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-4 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.asuindians.com

The Indians' rebuilding task is beginning to show some progress. Coach Steve Roberts, in two seasons at the school, has posted an 11-14 mark on the heels of the Indians' 2-9 and 1-10 seasons in 2001 and 2000, respectively. In fact, Arkansas State won just 32 games from 1990 to 2001, including seven seasons in which it won no more than two games.

Roberts is changing that, but there is still a lot of work to do. After all, this is a team that placed last in total offense and next-to-last in scoring and passing offense a year ago. The Indians were fourth in total defense, although they had a bad habit of giving up a lot of points. Opponents scored more than 35 points in five of Arkansas State's seven losses, with 54 or more in three of those losses.

With just three starters back from that defense, some may consider that to be the good news. The defense received a lot of attention in spring drills and in recruiting, with 15 signees for that side of the ball. The leading returnees are linebacker Steven Tookes, who ranked No. 14 in the league in tackles with 90, and lineman Alex Peoples (71 tackles).

Quarterback Elliot Jacobs returns, along with seven other starters on offense. The senior has passed for more than 3,870 career yards and 22 touchdowns, throwing for more than 1,500 and rushing for more than 200 last year. Antonio Warren needs just 62 yards to reach the 1,000-yard career-rushing mark after picking up just 384 yards and one touchdown last year.

Other key players this season are defensive end Courtney Todd, wide receivers Chuck Walker and Jerome Stegall and linebacker Josh Williams.

HEAD COACH:

Steve Roberts, 3rd Year
Record: 11-14
Career Record: 60-47-1

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Indian Stadium
Capacity: 30,458
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@MISSOURI
S.11	@LSU
S.18	Memphis
S.25	@LOUISIANA-MONROE
O.2	@MISSISSIPPI
O.9	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
O.16	Troy State
O.23	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
N.6	@IDAHO
N.11	Utah State
N.20	North Texas

6 PRESEASON RANK

Middle Tennessee BLUE RAIDERS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

2003 Record: 4-8 overall, 4-3 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.goblueraiders.com

Middle Tennessee was considered the team to beat in the Sun Belt during its early years. The Blue Raiders tied for the conference title in 2001 with an 8-3 overall record, but 5-7 North Texas won the head-to-head meeting, earning the New Orleans Bowl invitation. Entering the 2004 season, Middle is trying to regain its momentum.

The Blue Raiders have posted a pair of 4-8 seasons heading into this year's race, with coach Andy McCollum feeling the pressure to produce a winning record. He'll have some help in that effort with 12 starters returning, seven of those on offense.

Middle Tennessee's offensive backfield is experienced, even at quarterback, where two-year starter Andrico Hines has departed. Josh Harris played in four games last season, including coming off the bench against Louisiana-Lafayette for a 23-of-36 passing performance that included 284 yards and four touchdowns. Clint Marks saw more playing time in a reserve role, throwing for seven touchdowns and 593 yards.

Whomever calls signals, he will work behind a line that returns three starters (Julius Grant, Willie Hall and Germayle Franklin), with returning running back Eugene Gross, fullback Nick McAfee and receivers Jerrin Holt and Kerry Wright offering help.

The Blue Raiders led the league in scoring offense, were third in passing offense and fifth in rushing offense, giving them a No. 3 spot in total offense.

Defensively, this should be a strong team up front, with returning starters Jonathan Bonner and Dennis Burke on the line and Thomas Johnson and Jeff Littlejohn at linebacker. The secondary loses three starters, with Danny Tolbert the only starter back.

HEAD COACH:

Andy McCollum, 6th Year
Record: 25-32
Career Record: 25-32

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Floyd Stadium
Capacity: 30,788
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@FLORIDA
S.11	@AKRON
S.18	Florida Atlantic
S.25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
O.2	@NORTH TEXAS
O.9	Arkansas State
O.23	Idaho
O.30	Utah State
N.6	@NEW MEXICO STATE
N.13	Louisiana-Monroe
N.20	@TROY STATE

PRESEASON RANK 7

Utah State AGGIES

Logan, Utah

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 3-4 Sun Belt

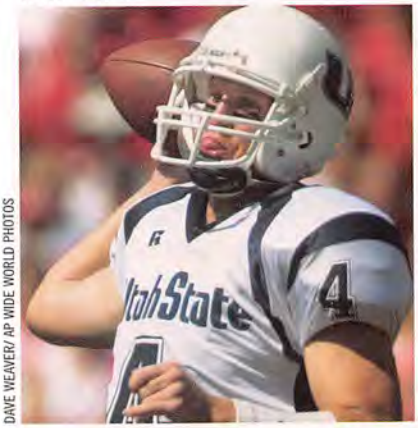
Official athletic Web site: www.utahstateaggies.com

Taking their final shot at a Sun Belt crown before heading to the WAC with New Mexico State, the Aggies have some work to do to make that happen. A dozen starters are back, but just four on an offense that ranked No. 4 in total offense last season.

The offensive line is anchored with the return of tackles Donald Penn and Elliott Tupea. Quarterback Travis Cox is back, too, bringing along his 2,791 passing yards and 18 touchdowns from last season. He led the Sun Belt in total offense and passing yards but has just one returning starter at receiver, Raymond Hicks, who caught 13 passes for 183 yards and a touchdown. Others who will offer some help include tight end Patrick McNutt, tackle Brenen Burningham, junior-college transfer Victor Eti at guard, running back Travis Davis and receiver Tony Pennyman.

There's plenty of experience on defense, with nose guard Ronald Tupea and tackle John Chick returning, as well as linebackers Robert Watts and Nate Fredrick.

Travis Cox, *QB*



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HEAD COACH:

Mike Dennehy, 5th Year
Record: 16-29
Career Record: 65-54

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Romney Stadium
Capacity: 30,257
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@ALABAMA
S.11	Idaho
S.18	Utah
S.25	@UNLV
O.2	@TROY STATE
O.9	North Texas
O.16	@CLEMSON
O.30	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
N.6	@LOUISIANA-MONROE
N.11	@ARKANSAS STATE
N.20	New Mexico State

PRESEASON RANK 8

Idaho VANDALS

Moscow, Idaho

2003 Record: 3-9 overall, 3-4 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.uiathletics.com

The good news for the Vandals is they will play an extra regular-season game this year, traveling to Hawaii to end the season for an even dozen games. The bad news is eight of those games are on the road, including the season opener at Boise State and a later visit to Oregon. There's also a home game against Washington State.

Leading Idaho into those contests will be first-year coach Nick Holt, who spent the previous three seasons as an assistant for Pete Carroll at Southern Cal coaching linebackers. This is the 1986 Pacific graduate's first head-coaching stint and it comes at a school where he was an assistant coach for eight seasons, spending the last four as defensive coordinator.

His excitement about the job may be dimmed somewhat by the fact that only nine starters return this year to a team that was 3-9 overall and 3-4 in Sun Belt play. It was a team that placed dead last in rushing defense but was tops in passing offense and No. 2 in passing defense, scoring defense and total offense.

With a new coach and new staff come lots of changes. The Vandals will run out of a one-back offensive set as their base alignment, but will employ many different looks in hopes of keeping opposing defenses guessing. Idaho's receivers will find their roles changing more than any other Vandal players, with emphasis being placed on spreading the field (and defenses). Defensively, several position changes are anticipated.

Michael Harrington, brother of Detroit Lions quarterback Joey Harrington, began last season as the starting QB but lost the job to Brian Lindgren. Harrington still managed to throw for 996 yards in seven games and should regain the starter spot this year.

HEAD COACH:

Nick Holt, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Kibbie Dome
Capacity: 16,000
Turf: Artificial

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@BOISE STATE
S.11	@UTAH STATE
S.18	Washington State
S.25	@OREGON
O.2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN
O.9	Louisiana-Monroe
O.16	Louisiana-Lafayette
O.23	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
O.30	@TROY STATE
N.6	Arkansas State
N.13	@NORTH TEXAS
N.20	@HAWAII

PRESEASON RANK 9

Louisiana-Monroe INDIANS

Monroe, La.

2003 Record: 1-11 overall, 1-6 Sun Belt

Official athletic Web site: www.ulmathletics.com

The Indians are calling the cavalry to the rescue. Sounds like a bad B-movie, but in Monroe it has a small ring of truth. Charlie Weatherbie was hired in May of last year to take over the program, after having served as head coach at the Naval Academy for seven seasons (1995-2001). After last season's 1-11 record, Weatherbie called on former Army head coach Todd Berry to take over as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

There's more. Running backs/tight ends coach Junior Smith was at Army with Berry and linebackers coach Danilo Robinson was at the Naval Academy with Weatherbie, while defensive coordinator Bob Trott is a former coach at the Air Force Academy.

Weatherbie took over struggling programs at Navy and Utah State and led both to bowl wins. If he can muster the same type of success at Monroe, it may be his best coaching job ever. There are plenty of hurdles to be cleared. The Indians had the worst scoring offense and worst scoring defense in the league last season, also ranking last in turnover margin and rushing offense.

However, Weatherbie and his staff have managed to sign a lot of players—and many of them will likely get a chance to play right away—although Monroe has nine starters back on defense and six on offense. Leading the way on defense is free safety Chris Harris, who picked off four passes a year ago and was No. 3 on the team in tackles with 87.

Linebacker John Winchester is another key player, leading the Indians with 91 tackles last year.

On offense, quarterback Steven Jyles is the main man. Last season, coming off reconstructive-knee surgery, he threw for 2,112 yards and 14 touchdowns.

HEAD COACH:

Charlie Weatherbie, 2nd Year
Record: 1-11
Career Record: 46-75

STADIUM INFO:

Name: Malone Stadium
Capacity: 30,427
Turf: Grass

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.4	@AUBURN
S.18	Arkansas*
S.25	Arkansas State
O.2	@WYOMING
O.9	@IDAHO
O.16	Florida International
O.23	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC
O.30	@NORTH TEXAS
N.6	Utah State
N.13	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
N.20	Louisiana-Lafayette

**at Little Rock, AR*

2003 Record: 5-7 overall

Notre Dame

South Bend, Ind.

Official athletic Web site: www.und.com

FIGHTING IRISH

I-A INDEPENDENTS

With full-time keys to West Coast offense, mighty Quinn expected to bring consistency

By Al Lesar
South Bend (Ind.) Tribune

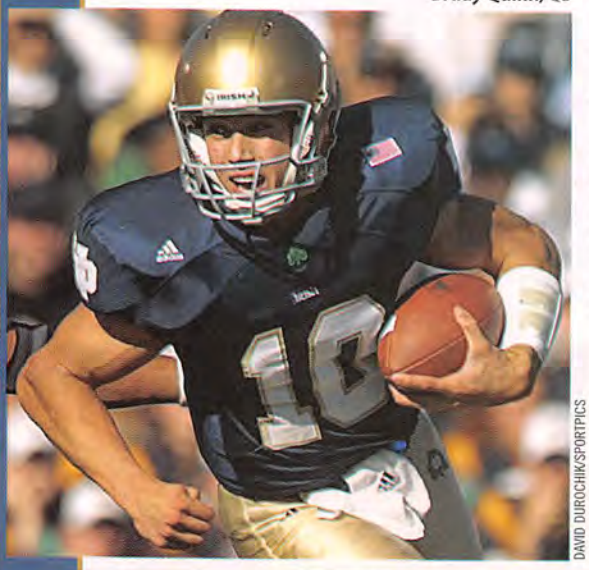
Notre Dame's football team has had more national championships (11) than teams that have lost at least seven games (5).

That's why third-year coach Tyrone Willingham is leading his Irish through a revival process in relatively uncharted waters after last year's 5-7 disaster.

Along with Navy, comprising the nation's only two remaining Division I-A football independents, Notre Dame is desperately trying to regain the luster that has been missing from the Golden Dome since the late 1980s. With two campaigns under his belt and three recruiting classes tailored to his system, expectations for Willingham to rekindle the magic come with much less margin for error.

A West Coast offense that never seemed to make it beyond the Rocky Mountains should have more hope for success thanks to sophomore quarterback Brady Quinn. He replaced option specialist Carlyle Holiday, who played like a square peg in a round hole, a few games into last season. Though plagued by freshman mistakes, Quinn established a foundation that should help this season.

Brady Quinn, *QB*



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One of the main reasons for Quinn's success was the effectiveness of tailback Julius Jones. The second-round pick of the Dallas Cowboys, Jones almost single-handedly led the assault in the first three Irish victories. In his absence, Ryan Grant—who rushed for 1,000 yards behind four future NFL offensive linemen two years ago when Jones was suspended from the university—will likely be the mainstay at tailback. Rashon Powers-Neal could also be a contributor in the backfield.

A retooled but very erratic offensive line featuring different combinations—Bob Morton, Zachary Giles, John Sullivan, Mark LeVoir, Ryan Harris, Dan Stevenson and Brian Mattes were in the mix—made progress last season, and this season it could be transformed from the team's weak link to a primary area of strength.

Toss in receivers Maurice Stovall, Rhema McKnight, Jeff Samardzija and Holiday, who has found a new home at wideout, plus tight ends Anthony Fasano, Billy Palmer and Jared Clark, and there is hope for the Irish offense.

Linebacker Mike Goolsby is back as the heart and soul of the Notre Dame defense after missing last year because of an injury. Ends Justin Tuck and Victor Abiamiri could be on the verge of the spectacular. However, a secondary filled with more questions than answers could be the target area for most opponents. Losing playmakers Glenn Earl and Vontez Duff from the secondary may have created deeper holes than the Irish talent pool is able to fill.

The graduation of placekicker/punter Nicholas Setta normally would have been a significant blow to the Irish special teams. However, a mysterious injury that sidelined Setta most of last season forced D.J. Fitzpatrick, who grew up in nearby Granger, Ind., in the shadow of the Golden Dome, to step forward. Fitzpatrick had his share of struggles, but came through with a game-winning boot against Navy and several other kicks that mattered.

The biggest concern on special teams could be how to replace the return prowess of Jones and Duff.

If the on-field issues weren't pressing enough in the offseason, Willingham had to deal with a threat from a Florida man who was later indicted. Andrew French of Fort Myers was accused of making a threat against Willingham, as well as other sports figures across the country, late last year.

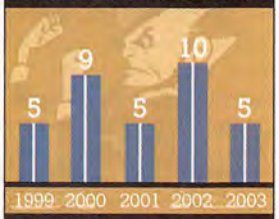
STADIUM INFO:	HEAD COACH:	ASSISTANT COACHES:
Name: Notre Dame Stadium **Capacity:** 80,795 **Turf:** Grass	**Tyronne Willingham,** 3rd Year **Record:** 15-10 **Career Record:** 59-46-1	**Bill Diedrick** (off. coord./QBs), **Kent Baer** (def. coord.), **Mike Denbrock** (Off. line), **Greg Mattison** (DL/recruiting coord.), **John McDonell** (Off. line), **Trent Miles** (WRs), **Buzz Preston** (RBs), **Bob Simmons** (LBs), **Steven Wilks** (secondary)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.11	Michigan	L	0-38
S.18	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	16-22
S.25	Washington		
O.2	Purdue	L	10-23
O.9	Stanford	W	57-7
O.16	@NAVY*	W	27-24
O.23	Boston College	L	25-27
O.30	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	33-14
N.6	@TENNESSEE		
N.13	Pittsburgh	W	20-14
N.27	@USC	L	14-45

* At East Rutherford, NY

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/19

OFFENSE

QB	10	Brady Quinn (6-4, 205, So.)
	9	Pat Dillingham (6-1, 211, Sr.)
FB	12	Josh Schmidt (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	16	Rashon Powers-Neal (6-2, 227, Sr.)
TB	4	Ryan Grant (6-1, 209, Sr.)
	20	Travis Thomas (6-1, 200, So.)
LT	78	Ryan Harris (6-5, 255, So.)
	62	Scott Raridon (6-7, 300, Jr.)
LG	76	Bob Morton (6-4, 299, Jr.)
	69	Darrin Mitchell (6-3, 280, Sr.)
C	78	John Sullivan (6-4, 280, So.)
	55	Zach Giles (6-3, 287, Sr.)
RG	74	Dan Stevenson (6-5, 297, Sr.)
	51	Jamie Ryan (6-5, 285, Jr.)
RT	73	Mark LeVoir (6-7, 320, Sr.)
	79	Brian Mattes (6-6, 266, Jr.)
TE	88	Anthony Fasano (6-4, 253, Jr.)
	85	Billy Palmer (6-4, 251, Sr.)
FL	5	Rhema McKnight (6-2, 207, Jr.)
	23	Chase Anastasio (6-2, 190, So.)
SE	21	Maurice Stovall (6-5, 221, Jr.)
	83	Jeff Samardzija (6-4, 191, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	44	Justin Tuck (6-5, 238, Sr.)
	97	Travis Leitko (6-6, 264, Jr.)
DT	92	Kyle Budinscak (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	90	Brian Beidatsch (6-4, 283, Sr.)
NT	77	Greg Pauly (6-6, 291, Sr.)
	66	Derek Landri (6-2, 280, Jr.)
DE	95	Victor Abiamiri (6-5, 240, So.)
	75	Chris Frome (6-5, 264, Jr.)
SAM	49	Derek Curry (6-4, 241, Sr.)
	47	Mitchell Thomas (6-3, 215, So.)
MKE	41	Mike Goolsby (6-3, 243, Sr.)
	46	Corey Mays (6-1, 238, Sr.)
WIL	39	Brandon Hoyte (6-0, 228, Sr.)
	52	Joe Brockington (6-2, 215, So.)
CB	30	Mike Richardson (6-1, 188, Jr.)
	36	Isaiah Gardner (5-11, 190, So.)
CB	24	Dwight Ellick (5-10, 177, Sr.)
	15	Preston Jackson (5-9, 177, Sr.)
FS	8	Quentin Burrell (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	28	Tommy Zbikowski (6-1, 190, So.)
SS	2	Freddie Parish (6-1, 202, So.)
	27	Lionel Bolen (6-0, 206, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick (6-2, 192, Sr.)
P	17	Geoffrey Price (6-3, 180, So.)
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick (6-2, 192, Sr.)

2004 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'03 Result	Score
S.4	Duke		
S.11	Northeastern		
S.18	@TULSA		
S.25	Vanderbilt	W	37-27
O.2	@AIR FORCE	W	28-25
O.16	Notre Dame@	L	24-27
O.23	Rice	W	38-6
O.30	Delaware	L	17-21
N.6	@TULANE	W	35-17
N.20	Rutgers	L	27-48
D.4	Army*	W	34-6

@ at East Rutherford, NY
* at Philadelphia, PA

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/15

OFFENSE

QB	6	Aaron Polanco (6-0, 208, Sr.)
	2	Lamar Owens (5-9, 185, Jr.)
FB	32	Kyle Eckel (5-11, 240, Sr.)
	38	Michael Brimage (5-7, 206, Sr.)
RB	34	Eric Roberts (5-10, 194, Sr.)
	21	Trey Hines (5-9, 195, So.)
RB	15	Frank Divis (6-0, 225, Sr.)
	46	Ryan Barry (6-0, 212, Sr.)
OT	61	Tyson Stahl (6-4, 267, Sr.)
	66	Brian Rutledge (6-3, 253, So.)
OG	65	Dennis Ray Phillips (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	60	Zach Gallion (6-3, 295, So.)
C	74	August Roistch (6-1, 270, Sr.)
	64	Marshall Green (6-1, 265, Jr.)
OG	71	Matt McLaughlin (6-6, 295, Sr.)
	59	Kevin Schwind (6-1, 280, Sr.)
OT	62	Casey Hughes (6-4, 252, Sr.)
	77	Sam Brown (6-3, 259, Sr.)
WR	17	Amir Jenkins (6-1, 208, Sr.)
	87	Jason Tomlinson (6-2, 198, So.)
WR	18	Lionel Wesley (5-11, 188, Sr.)
	83	Mick Yokitis (6-2, 220, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Pierre Moss (6-0, 249, Sr.)
	99	Sean McElhanon (6-1, 250, Sr.)
NG	91	Babatunde Akingbemi (6-0, 282, Sr.)
	90	Dan Wendolowski (6-2, 254, Jr.)
DE	93	Jeff Vanak (6-1, 247, Sr.)
	54	Adam Horne (5-11, 236, Sr.)
LB	48	Reggie Sealey (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	1	Jason Monts (6-1, 224, Jr.)
LB	51	Bobby McClarin (5-11, 225, Sr.)
	49	Jeremy Chase (6-2, 250, Jr.)
LB	55	Dustin Elliott (6-0, 235, Sr.)
	44	Lane Jackson (5-11, 217, Sr.)
LB	40	David Mahoney (5-10, 215, So.)
	45	Tyler Tidwell (6-1, 204, So.)
CB	23	Vaughn Kelley (6-1, 180, Sr.)
	13	Hunter Reddick (6-2, 191, So.)
CB	4	Keenan Little (6-0, 194, So.)
	5	Lord Cole (5-10, 191, Sr.)
ROV	25	DuJuan Price (6-0, 211, So.)
	26	Jason Robinson (6-1, 207, Jr.)
FS	33	Josh Smith (6-2, 201, Sr.)
	14	Kevin Newsome (5-10, 177, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	81	Geoff Blumenfeld (6-0, 169, Sr.)
	22	Ethan Gouge (5-11, 169, So.)
P	37	Tim Washburn (6-0, 182, So.)
	16	Russell Cook (6-2, 185, So.)

2003 Record: 8-5 overall *(lost to Texas Tech in the Houston Bowl, 38-14)*

Navy

Annapolis, Md.

Official athletic Web site: www.navysports.com

MIDSHIPMEN

Middies look to defend Commander-in-Chief Trophy as Johnson's makeover of Annapolis continues

By Al Lesar
South Bend (Ind.) Tribune

There's finally a reason to believe at Navy again. Heading into his third season at the helm of the Midshipmen, Paul Johnson has returned Navy to postseason competition and out of college football's cellar.

Wins over Air Force and Army gave the Midshipmen the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 1981. A heart-breaking 27-24 loss to Notre Dame gave them hope that their losing streak to the Irish, which dates back to 1963, may end soon. And a bid to the Houston Bowl, where they lost to Texas Tech, gave them a taste of sweet things to come.

The newfound prominence earned Johnson some significant job security by virtue of a contract extension through the 2009 season.

"Paul has delivered a level of professionalism, knowledge and focus to a program that truly needed a jump-start," Navy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk says. "It was very important to stabilize quality continuity for the program and we have assured that through Paul and his staff."

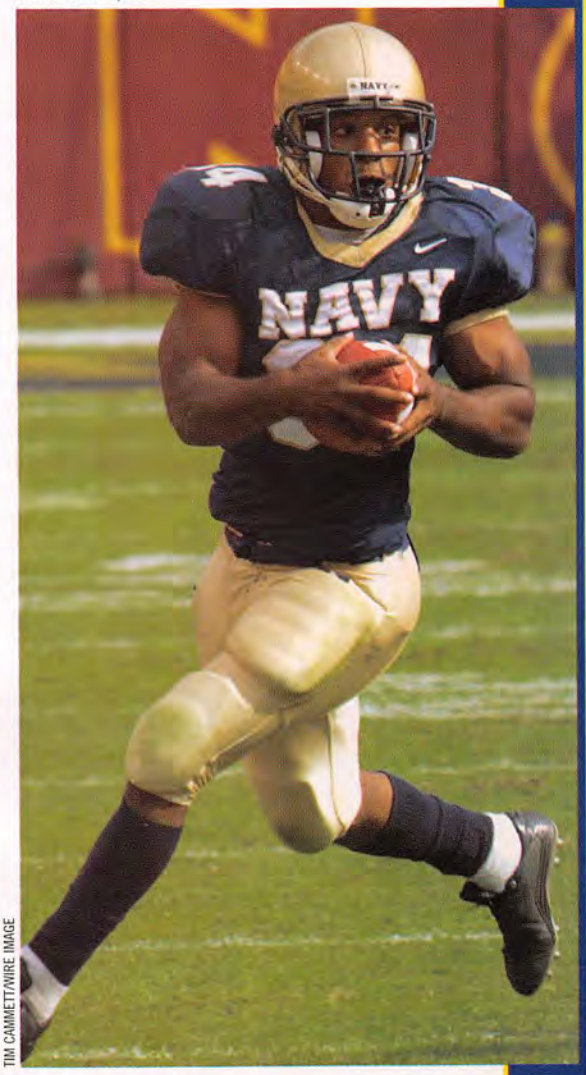
Says Johnson: "I'm excited about the commitment the Naval Academy has made to the football program and our coaching staff. This year has been one of my most enjoyable years in coaching. I look forward to continuing the proud tradition of Navy football."

If that tradition is going to continue, Johnson will have to have some significant production from key people. Slotback Eric Roberts will be the catalyst of the Navy offense. Fullback Kyle Eckel rushed for 1,249 yards for a Navy team that led the nation in rushing offense with more than 323 yards a game.

The biggest offensive concern is how well Aaron Polanco can take over for graduated quarterback Craig Candeto. Polanco isn't exactly a rookie when it comes to pressure-packed situations. With Candeto down with an injury, he stepped in and performed admirably for most of the Notre Dame game, a contest that came down to a last-second Irish field goal.

The Midshipmen have eight starters and 18 lettermen back from an impressive 2003 defense. Safety Josh Smith is the leader of a secondary that can be dominating. Ends Jeff Vanak and Pierre Moss, linebacker Dustin Elliott and cornerback Lord Cole are expected to be key performers.

Eric Roberts, *RB*



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Name: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 34,000 **Turf:** Grass	**Paul Johnson,** 3rd Year **Record:** 10-15 **Career Record:** 72-25	**Ken Niumatalolo** (asst. head coach/OGs/Cs), **Buddy Green** (def. coord./secondary), **Ivin Jasper** (QBs/FBs), **Chris Culton** (FBs), **Jeff Monken** (SBs), **Brian Bohannon** (WRs), **Todd Spencer** (OTs), **Dale Pehrson** (DL), **Lt. Jason Snider, USN** (DL), **Kevin Kelly** (ILBs), **Keith Jones** (OLBs), **Ens. Tony Grantham, USN** (OLBs), **Ens. Danny O'Rourke, USN** (secondary)

DIVISION I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE:

QB– **Bruce Eugene** (6-0, 245, Sr.) Grambling
RB– **Jamaal Branch** (6-0, 225, Sr.) Colgate
RB– **Charles Anthony** (5-10, 185, Sr.) Tennessee St.
OL– **Adam Bourget** (6-3, 300, Sr.) Northeastern
OL– **Geir Gudmundson** (6-4, 300, Sr.) Albany
OL– **Bobby Gibbs** (6-3, 290, Sr.) Wofford
OL– **Fred Layne** (6-4, 295, Sr.) Western Illinois
C– **Elmer McDaniel** (5-11, 305, Sr.) Southern Illinois
WR– **Efrem Hill** (6-2, 185, Sr.) Samford Univ.
WR– **Vincent Jackson** (6-6, 235, Sr.) Northern Colorado
TE– **Adam Bergen** (6-6, 260, Sr.) Lehigh
PK– **Miro Kesic** (6-1, 210, Jr.) Northeastern
RS– **Chris Crawford** (5-11, 185, So.) Nicholls St.

DEFENSE:

DT– **Harold Wells** (6-0, 290, Sr.) Gardner-Webb
DT– **John Paul Jones** (6-3, 312, Sr.) McNeese State
DE– **Brady Fosmark** (6-3, 245, Jr.) Weber St.
DE– **Kyle Mitchell** (6-2, 230, Jr.) Indiana St.
LB– **Boomer Grigsby** (6-0, 245, Sr.) Illinois St.
LB– **Liam Ezekiel** (6-1, 245, Sr.) Northeastern
LB– **Jordan Beck** (6-2, 215, Sr.) Cal-Poly
DB– **Sidney Haugabrook** (5-10, 180, Sr.) Delaware
DB– **Courtland Finnegan** (5-10, 165, Sr.) Samford
DB– **Anton McKenzie** (5-11, 210, So.) Southern
DB– **Mario Williams** (6-2, 205, Sr.) Gardner-Webb
P– **Graham Whitlock** (5-11, 205, Sr.) Gardner-Webb

TOP PLAYERS:

Offense: Jamaal Branch, RB, Colgate
Defense: Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois St.
Newcomer: Sonny Riccio, QB, Delaware

Smooth transition by Mizzou transfer Riccio could have Blue Hens cackling again in I-AA

By STEVE AMEDIO
Schenectady (N.Y.) Gazette

It has often been said that one of the toughest accomplishments in sports isn't to win a championship, but to repeat as a title winner.

The University of Delaware, Division I-AA's national champ in 2003, is about to find out about that this season. But it looks like the Fighting Blue Hens are more than capable of claiming the national trophy again.

After a single regular-season blemish, an easy-to-excuse 24-14 loss at tough Northeastern, the Blue Hens steamrolled through postseason play with a rarely seen dominance.

The Hens won their first three playoff games by scores of 48-7 (Southern Illinois), 37-7 (Northern Iowa) and 24-9 (Wofford) before shutting out previously unbeaten Colgate 40-0 in the national championship contest.

This year, Delaware's biggest hole is at quarterback, where All-American Andy Hall so capably directed the team's sophisticated, no-huddle, spread passing attack.

Hall's departure, though, brought a number of inquiries from Division I-A quarterbacks seeking playing time at the lower level.

Before winter was over, former University of Missouri backup Sonny Riccio joined the program and is the likely heir to Hall's position.

Gone also are the team's top two running backs, including Germaine Bennett, who scored 21 touchdowns and set a single-season school mark with 1,625 rushing yards last season.

However, the Hens return their top six wide receivers and four of the five members of the championship offensive line.

Defensively, Delaware could be even stronger than the unit that limited opponents to a stingy 114.3 yards per game a year ago.

Up front, gone is All-America defensive end Shawn Johnson, but most everyone else is back, and they'll be boosted by West Virginia University transfer Rachid Stoury.

The team's top four linebackers also return, as does one of the nation's best defensive backs in senior corner Sidney Haugabrook.

Other returnees are the team's kicker, punter, deep snapper, holder and the kickoff- and punt-return specialists from a year ago.

"We lost some great players, but we didn't lose a lot of them," says Blue Hens coach K.C. Keeler.

Which means watch out I-AA playoffs.

"I don't think teams are prepared for what we do when they see us in the playoffs," Keeler says. "The other side is that it's difficult for a new quarterback to pick up our system.

"One of the first things Sonny Riccio said to Andy Hall last year is that he couldn't believe how long it takes for a quarterback to pick everything up. Fortunately for us, Sonny came to us in January and had that semester and spring practice to pick things up."

If Riccio has absorbed enough, look for the Blue Hens to duplicate last season's success.

TOP 25

1. Delaware
2. Maine
3. Northern Arizona
4. Furman
5. Montana
6. Southern Illinois
7. Colgate
8. Northern Iowa
9. Wofford
10. Northwestern State
11. Grambling
12. Massachusetts
13. Stephen F. Austin
14. Western Kentucky
15. Montana State
16. Western Illinois
17. Appalachian State
18. Villanova
19. Georgia Southern
20. Northeastern
21. Illinois State
22. Yale
23. Gardner-Webb
24. McNeese State
25. Lehigh

Jamaal Branch, RB, Colgate

Mario Williams, DB, Gardner-Webb

Will A-10 be Hen-pecked by another season of Delaware dominance?

By Chuck Newman
Street & Smith's correspondent

With a national champion in Delaware posting the first shutout in the history of the I-AA finals, seven teams with .500 records or better and four of them ranked in the final Top 25, last season helped the Atlantic 10 make a convincing argument that it is the best I-AA conference in the land.

Delaware outscored its playoff opposition 139-23 and may have been the most dominant team in the history of the classification.

All were impressive accomplishments, but there was a downside. The league only got two teams to the playoffs and one of them, Massachusetts, went out in the first round.

There will be changes this season. The league has a new member, Towson, and has reverted to the two-division format it abandoned in 1999. The North will consist of Hofstra, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Northeastern and Rhode Island. The South will have Delaware, James Madison, Richmond, Towson, Villanova and William & Mary.

Each team will play an eight-game conference schedule, including five against division rivals.

A repeat of last year's gaudy performance is unlikely and, as usual, preseason predictions have been hazardous since the league was formed. The favorite hasn't won since 1998, when Massachusetts lived up to preseason expectations. Northeastern won the league two seasons ago after being picked to finish 10th.

NORTH DIVISION

Maine coach Jack Cosgrove has a new five-year contract and must rebuild offensive and defensive lines that have been hit hard by graduation. If they can find replacements, the Black Bears have some skill-position players returning who will make trouble for any opponent.

Quarterback Ron Whitcomb, who had a big freshman year with 21 touchdown passes and 2,428 yards, is back to run the offense and has a lethal running back in Marcus Williams, who led the league in rushing with 111.7 yards a game and averaged 5.2 per carry. Whitcomb has top receivers in Christian Pereira, who had 52 catches and 10 TD receptions, and Ryan Waller, who caught 53 balls last season.

The Bears went 5-4 in the league and 7-4 overall but had close losses to Montana, ranked No. 3 nationally at the time, in addition to league foes Delaware, Northeastern and Massachusetts, which tied for the A-10's regular-season title.

Massachusetts will have a new coach and maybe a change in philosophy as Don Brown, who helped the 1998 Minutemen to the national championship as an assistant, moves across the state from Northeastern to succeed former boss Mark Whipple.

Brown won the league title two years ago with the Huskies and will take over a team that tied for the championship last season, winning 10 games before losing in the I-AA playoffs to national runner-up Colgate.

The new coach will have a formidable task replacing seven starters, especially quarterback Jeff Krohn, who led the league with 15 TD passes. Krohn's successor will have the advantage of four starters back in the offensive line and the return of wide receiver Jason Peebler, who had 50 catches for 1,003 yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

Until the quarterback situation is resolved, the Minutemen may depend on the running game, which returns second-team all-leaguer Steve Baylark, who had 1,093 yards and 10 touchdowns as a sophomore.

The new coach at **Northeastern**, Rocky Hager, comes with impressive credentials that include helping North Dakota State compile a 95-21-1 record from 1987-95 that included two Division II national championships. Since 1997, he's been an assistant at Temple.

The Huskies were the preseason choice to win the league title last season and Hager inherits some talent from that team that won eight games, six in the league.

The best of the returnees is all-league linebacker Liam Ezekiel, arguably the best defensive player in the conference. He is coming off a year in which he had 11.7 tackles a game and 5.5 sacks. Also returning on defense is tough-minded lineman James Abosi, whose 6.5 sacks led the league, and third-team all-league cornerback Jeremiah Mason.

The Huskies also return quarterback Shawn Brady, who threw for 1,972 yards and 17 touchdowns, and key receivers Cory Parks (57 catches, 11 TDs) and Quintin Mitchell (37, 4).

It has been seven years since **New Hampshire** was a real factor in the league race, but that could change this season. The Wildcats won three of their last four games last season and lost just six players from their 2003 two-deep roster.

The optimism starts with the return of quarterback Mike Granieri, who threw for 22 touchdowns and ran for five more last season, earning him honorable-mention all-league honors.

Granieri's supporting cast is virtually intact, led by tailback R.J. Harvey, who racked up 804 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns. The offensive line lost two key players but has experience in 6-4, 310-pound Syracuse transfer Tim Carignan, 300-pound junior center Adam Triscila and 290-pound tackle Will Yarborough.

Hofstra's 2-10 finish last season was a major disappointment but quite understandable. Three quarterbacks were injured at various times, which could be traced to an inexperienced offensive line that gave up a league-high 37 sacks. The team also led the league in turnover margin. Coach Joe Gardi is not expecting a repeat with 40 lettermen and 17 starters returning.

But bad news came early this year when quarterback Bobby Seck, who broke his hand in the opener last year, suffered a knee injury in conditioning drills. His status is questionable. The Pride offense, which ranked above only Richmond in A-10 scoring (26.6 points a game), will rely on wideout Marques Colston (51 catches, 910 yards, 7 TDs), who had one 267-yard receiving game and is considered an all-league candidate.

The run defense, which ranked last in the league, should improve with the return of eight starters.

PREDICTIONS

NORTH

1. **Maine**
2. **Massachusetts**
3. **Northeastern**
4. **New Hampshire**
5. **Hofstra**
6. **Rhode Island**

SOUTH

1. **Delaware**
2. **Villanova**
3. **James Madison**
4. **William & Mary**
5. **Richmond**
6. **Towson**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Marcus Williams**, RB, Maine
Defense: **Liam Ezekiel**, LB, Northeastern
Newcomer: **Sonny Riccio**, QB, Delaware

GAMES TO WATCH

S.28 **Delaware at Massachusetts**
O.2 **Maine at Delaware**
O.30 **Maine at Massachusetts**
N.20 **Villanova at Delaware**

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Liam Ezekiel, *LB, Northeastern*

Rhode Island has several areas of concern to address as it tries to improve on a 3-6 league mark. The statistics tell the story: The Rams gave up 381 points, most in the league, and finished last in pass defense and total defense, surrendering 438 yards a game.

Experience is expected to improve those numbers. The team returns 37 lettermen, including 14 starters.

Offensive balance will likely be the key to success. The running game appears solid, the passing game still to be determined. The Rams rushed for a league-leading 334 yards a game in 2003 and may be able to duplicate those numbers with the return of running back Jason Ham, who ran for 93 yards a game and averaged 4.8 each time he carried the ball. Quarterback Jayson Davis also averaged 74 rushing yards a game.

Rhode Island returns its two top tacklers on defense among seven starters. Cornerback Virgil Gray is back after posting a team-high 85 tackles, and so is linebacker Steve Marella, who had 77 tackles.

SOUTH DIVISION

Fresh off his team's dominant 2003 title run, **Delaware** coach K.C. Keeler now faces one of his biggest coaching challenges. He must replace six all-league players, including all-everything running back Germaine Bennett, who broke the Blue Hens' single-season rushing mark last year with 1,625 yards.

As usual, though, Keeler has brought in strong reinforcements. Sonny Riccio, a Missouri transfer who played two seasons behind 2004 Heisman candidate Brad Smith, will be the new quarterback. He'll have the top three receivers from last year to throw to—David Boler (60 catches), Justin Long (50) and Brian Ingram (48).

A defense that allowed only 23 points in four playoff games took a hit from graduation but has at least seven players with extensive experience returning.

Villanova appeared to be headed to the playoffs before starting quarterback Joe Casamento injured his shoulder in the seventh game of last season.

The injury and some late-game meltdowns—the Wildcats fumbled the ball away while killing the clock with the lead in the final two minutes of a one-point loss to Massachusetts—left them 7-4 overall and 5-4 in the league.

Coach Andy Talley's team should again be a contender with the return of Casamento and eight starters on defense, three of them first-team all-league choices.

Key returnees are all-league linebacker and Buck Buchanan Award candidate Brian Hulea and Casamento, who threw for 2,038 yards and 14 touchdown passes last year.

Coach Mickey Matthews has a new three-year contract at **James Madison** and the ingredients to continue to improve on his season win total. The Dukes won only two games in 2001 and five in 2002 until hitting the .500 mark at 6-6 last season.

Ten offensive starters return, led by fourth-year starting quarterback Matt LeZotte, who threw 13 touchdown passes but must improve on 11 interceptions.

Special teams are a strength, with league-leading punter Nick Englehart (41.5-yard average) and placekicker David Rabil, who connected on 10 of 11 field goals, returning.

William & Mary will sorely miss all-league wideout Rich Musinski, the most celebrated receiver in school history, but there is plenty of firepower returning on offense to sustain momentum from four straight wins to end last season.

Quarterback Lang Campbell, the league's leader in passing efficiency, is back to run an offense that averaged 39.3 points and 459.3 yards a game in that late-season run. And the key to those numbers, the offensive line, returns four starters.

Delmus Coley, the team's leading rusher, sat out the spring with a knee injury and may return, but there is depth at the position, headed by Kent State transfer Elijah Brooks.

The defense may hold the key to the team's ultimate fate, with 6-6, 250-pound lineman Adam O'Connor, who had six sacks, and third-team all-league linebacker Travis McLaurin, who had 74 unassisted tackles, expected to provide leadership.

Coach Dave Clawson succeeds Jim Reid at **Richmond** and faces a formidable task of rebuilding a program that shows only nine wins in the last three seasons.

Quarterback Stacy Tutt, who took over as the starter for the last three games of 2003, threw for 535 yards and completed 61.5 percent of his passes. He also ran for 159 yards on 51 attempts. Tutt may be asked to scramble even more this season. The top four ground-gainers have exhausted their eligibility.

The defense, which ranked next-to-last in the league against both the pass and run, should improve with the return of leading tackler Antoine Newsome and a linebacking corps headed by Lance Gray, who had 49 tackles in only seven games.

Don't expect **Towson**, a Patriot League import, to make an immediate impact since the Tigers are not that far removed from being a non-scholarship program. But they do have a history of success, having reached a Division III final in 1976 and making it to the Division II playoffs three times.

The Tigers moved into I-AA in 1986 and, if they make the playoffs this season, they will be the first school in history to make the postseason on three NCAA levels.

But that is a reach, even with a lot of experience coming back. Coach Gordy Combs does return seven starters on offense and six on defense, where a secondary that led the Patriot League with 21 interceptions returns intact. The best of that group is P.D. Moore, who was all-league for the second straight time last season, and Davon Telp, who returned two interceptions for touchdowns in one game.

One player to watch will be 6-3, 315-pound offensive lineman Antoine Colvin Jr., a transfer from North Carolina State.

Senior running back Mikal Lundy, who scored nine touchdowns and averaged more than four yards a carry, should get a lot of work on offense.

NAU Lumberjacks will chop Grizz down from their lofty Sky perch

By Loren Jorgensen
The (Salt Lake City) Desert Morning News

Montana certainly has tradition on its side, but Northern Arizona may finally be the opponent able to knock the Grizzlies out of the top spot in the Big Sky Conference.

Actually, Montana hasn't exactly steamrolled the competition during the past two seasons, settling for three-way ties for first in both 2002 and '03.

Still, everyone in these parts knows Montana is the team to beat. The Grizzlies, after all, have won or shared the league title in nine of the past 11 years and have been good enough to get to the postseason for a record 11 consecutive seasons. During that stretch, they've won two I-AA titles, been in the championship game two other times and gotten to the national semifinals twice more.

It was Northern Arizona, however, that had the league's biggest taste of postseason success in 2003. Montana, Montana State and NAU finished with identical 5-2 league marks to tie for the title. All three were invited to the I-AA playoffs, but only the Lumberjacks—with an upset win over top-seeded McNeese State in the opening round—were able to advance to the quarterfinals.

Northern Arizona has plenty of holes to fill—just 10 starters return for coach Jerome Souers' club. However, if the new guys pick up on things half as fast as QB Jason Murrietta did last season, the Lumberjacks will be just fine. Murrietta, as a true freshman, took over the starting role in the second game of the season and ended up passing for 3,472 yards and 29 touchdowns to become the Big Sky's Offensive Player of the Year. Look for more eye-popping numbers from him as a sophomore.

Another top skill-position player returning is running back Roger Robinson, who will be looking for his second straight 1,000-yard rushing season.

The Lumberjacks also have all three starting linebackers returning to make up the core of what appears will be a solid defense. Bruce Branch, Ian Gunderson and Vince Henman were all named first- or second-team all-conference a year ago.

Montana uncharacteristically lost four games last season, but each could have easily gone the Grizzlies' way. In fact, two of the defeats were in overtime and the other two were by a combined eight points. Second-year coach Bobby Hauck returns 13 starters from that team—seven on offense, five on defense and the punter.

Among the offensive starters back is QB Craig Ochs, a former starter at the University of Colorado. He will have plenty of experience to help him at the skill positions. Top receivers Jefferson Heidelberger and Jon Talmage return, along with running back Justin Green, who rushed for 1,146 yards and 14 TDs last season. The secondary—always important in the pass-happy Big Sky— should be a strength with cornerback Kevin Edwards and free safety Matt Lebsock.

Montana State has earned a share of the Big Sky crown in each of the past two seasons by upsetting in-state rival Montana twice. The league title could once again come down to the 104th battle between the Grizzlies and Bobcats on the final day of the regular season.

Coach Mike Kramer's team is expected to have a stingy defense. Linebacker Roger Cooper and defensive tackle Ray Sebestyen are two of the best at their positions in the league and are All-America candidates. The secondary has less experience but welcomes back Kahaim Hunter, who missed spring drills due to injury.

Eastern Washington has 16 starters back and is looking to better its 3-4 record in league games from a year ago. Quarterback Erik Meyer, who passed for 2,301 yards with 20 TDs and only three interceptions, returns for his junior season. Big-play guy Eric Kimble played both receiver and running back last year, but he's expected to be a full-time receiver this season. Reggie Witherspoon, who rushed for 750 yards in '03, gives EWU some experience running the ball and will have a veteran offensive line blocking for him.

The Eagles' defense was vulnerable to the run last season, giving up 162 yards on the ground per game. But with nine returning starters and experience across the board, EWU should be improved in that area. Cornerback Isaiah Trufant, tackle Brandon Meyers and linebackers Chris Cwik and Doug Vincent give coach Paul Wulff reason to be optimistic.

Idaho State, after tying for the league title in '02, was one game behind the pack last season with a 4-3 conference mark. Still, its 8-4 overall record meant the Bengals finished the season ranked in the Top 25.

Coach Larry Lewis' team was hit hard by graduation, but does return a starting quarterback and a star receiver. Mark Hetherington passed for 2,526 yards and 23 TDs last season, while Sale' Key caught 58 passes for 882 yards and eight scores.

Weber State coach Jerry Graybeal didn't lead his team to the playoffs, but he earned Big Sky Coach-of-the-Year honors last season anyway—and saved his job in the process.

Graybeal's contract was expiring and wasn't expected to be renewed unless the team improved dramatically. After being picked last in the league, the Wildcats surprised all with an 8-4 overall mark and a 4-3 record in the conference. In return, Graybeal was given a three-year contract extension.

Nick Chournos, who rushed for 1,649 yards and 13 scores last season, is one of only four offensive starters returning. Kyle Bauer, a part-time starter last year, will likely be the quarterback. The defense has several experienced players, including end Brady Fosmark, tackle Emil Metroka and cornerback Dewey Crayton.

Sacramento State has a league-high 18 starters returning. Still, after finishing just 2-9 overall and 1-6 in conference play, it's hard to expect the Hornets to move right into the top half of the Big Sky just yet. Thanks to star wide receiver Fred Amey and returning QB Ryan Leadingham, the Hornets should put enough points on the board to scare some opponents.

Portland State hopes to return to its winning ways. The Vikings were just 4-7 overall and 1-6 in the Big Sky last year, marking their first losing season since 1998. Getting a ground game going and stopping the run proved difficult for coach Tim Walsh's team a year ago. The Vikings ranked last in rushing offense (86.6 yards per game) and rushing defense (212.3). Ryan Fuqua has shown he can pick up yardage on the ground, rushing for more than 2,800 yards in his first two seasons. He was held to 840 last year.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Northern Arizona**
2. **Montana**
3. **Montana State**
4. **Eastern Washington**
5. **Idaho State**
6. **Weber State**
7. **Sacramento State**
8. **Portland State**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Jason Murrietta**, QB, Northern Arizona
Defense: **Roger Cooper**, LB, Montana State
Newcomer: **Shaun Bodiford**, WR, Portland State

GAMES TO WATCH

O.30 **Weber State at Idaho State**
N.6 **Northern Arizona at Montana**
N.13 **Eastern Washington at Montana State**
N.20 **Montana State at Montana**

Expect Runnin' Bulldogs to dominate league searching for another team

By Gary McCann
The (Rock Hill, S.C.) Herald

Kyle Kallander, Big South Conference commissioner, says his league is getting better and the search for a sixth member continues.

Without an automatic bid for its conference champion, he hopes one of his teams can snag an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

"We think our schools are making very good progress," Kallander says. "We're seeing increased support across the board. The future looks very bright."

The Big South needs a sixth team to get an automatic playoff spot, but even if one was found this year, there would be a two-year waiting period.

If the Big South gets a spot before then, it's going to be because one of its teams makes the kind of noise to get noticed. Gardner-Webb almost did it two years ago, finishing in the Top 25 nationally.

Kallander says the Bulldogs are the best in his league, but thinks the talent gap is closing. The Runnin' Bulldogs have dominated the Big South in two years, going 7-0 and not losing a league game by fewer than 10 points. Last year, the Bulldogs beat BSC teams by an average of 22 points.

The Bulldogs are just good enough to make scheduling difficult. Major I-AA powers don't want to risk playing an upstart team. And that hurts G-W when it comes to landing an at-large spot.

"It's clearly a challenge for them," Kallander says. "They need to schedule a strong non-conference lineup. Since our conference is new and building on the field, that takes them down a little. And not many teams are willing to play them on the road."

PREDICTIONS

1. **Gardner-Webb**
2. **VMI**
3. **Liberty**
4. **Coastal Carolina**
5. **Charleston Southern**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Dre Barnes**, RB, Liberty
Defense: **Mario Williams**, DB, Gardner-Webb
Newcomer: **Leo George**, WR, Gardner-Webb

GAMES TO WATCH

S.18 **Furman at Gardner-Webb**
S.25 **Western Carolina at Gardner-Webb**
O.2 **Gardner-Webb at Liberty**
O.23 **Liberty at Coastal Carolina**
O.30 **Coastal Carolina at Gardner-Webb**
N.6 **Liberty at VMI**

The Bulldogs get interesting home games this season against Furman and Western Carolina. They lost to both on the road last year. Gardner-Webb is likely to face a more difficult time in the Big South from improved VMI, Liberty and Coastal Carolina.

Since joining I-AA in 2000, **Gardner-Webb** is 30-13 under coach Steve Patton. After going 8-4 last year, Patton brought in an 18-player recruiting class some rate as his best ever and one of the best in I-AA.

He must replace two wide receivers, a running back and a couple of players on defense. Otherwise, he brings back every key player, including all-conference quarterback Nick Roberts and two-time league Defensive-Player-of-the-Year Mario Williams.

Roberts threw for 2,201 yards and 20 TDs, leading the league in total offense. The 6-2, 208-pound Williams led the league in solo tackles (70), passes broken up (15) and defended (18), while averaging 9.8 tackles and grabbing three interceptions.

The Runnin' Bulldog defense held opponents to 21.2 points and 320 yards per game and had a league-high 29 sacks. Also back are All-BSC nose guard Harold Wells and defensive back Aaron Sykes and second-team picks Bryan Thornburg (DE), Keppy Baucom (LB), Tavoris Horton (LB) and Jensen Turner (DB).

Watch 6-3, 210-pound freshman wideout Leo George, who may be the best newcomer in the BSC.

A three-point loss at Liberty kept **VMI** from finishing second a year ago. Coach Cal McCombs' team lost by 12 to Gardner-Webb, while finishing 6-6 against a schedule that included Navy, William & Mary, Richmond and The Citadel.

VMI led the BSC in scoring offense (29.9 points per game), passing offense (209.1 yards per game) and total offense (390.1).

Most of the key faces return, including running back Sean Mizzer (1,244 rushing yards), quarterback Jonathan Wilson (league-leading 2,260 passing yards) and receivers Zohn Burden, Greg Carlson and Gary Price, who combined for 82 catches, 1,441 yards and eight TDs.

Defensively, the Keydets return tackle Vicheal Foxx and free safety Robert Mason. All the defensive-line starters are back, but the Keydets must replace All-BSC defensive back Musa Sarki and linebacker Derik Screen.

Liberty gave Gardner-Webb a scare last year, losing 27-17 on the road. Coach Ken Karcher's Flames finished 6-6, continuing the building program started three seasons ago.

Big South Offensive-Player-of-the-Year Dre Barnes, who led the league in rushing (1,347 yards) and averaged 5.9 yards per carry and scored seven times, returns. The Flames led the league in rushing offense.

Karcher must replace quarterback Gus Condon, who threw for almost 1,000 yards, but likely replacement J.R. Barley saw playing time in 10 games last season, throwing for 705 yards.

It's the defense that needs work. Liberty allowed 31.5 points and a league-high 219 passing yards per game, plus 24 TDs.

All-BSC defensive back C.J. Moore returns, along with defensive end Seth Reichert and linebackers Nick Vaughn and Manny Rojas.

Coach David Bennett's first team at **Coastal Carolina** was the surprise of the league, going 6-5.

The Chanticleers averaged 28.1 points, and did it mostly on the ground, with 500 of their 715 offensive plays being rushing attempts. They averaged 91.2 yards passing, last in the league.

Tailback Aundres Perkins, a 6-2, 235-pounder, ran for 863 yards and 14 TDs and was second-team All-BSC. He's back, along with quarterback Tyler Thigpen, who threw for 705 yards.

Tackle Antwon Trice, 6-6 and 310 pounds, will make a run at first-team all-league honors.

The defense is led by 6-1 230-pound senior linebacker Maurice Simpkins, who averaged 9.3 tackles and had five sacks, plus 6-5, 250-pound defensive end Adrain Grady and 6-3, 275-pound nose tackle Rayshun Crosby.

Coastal also had the league's best kick returner in Greg Williamson, who averaged 20.6 yards on punt returns, with two TDs.

One look at last year's statistics and it's easy to see second-year coach Jay Mills has to improve a lot of everything at **Charleston Southern**. The Bucs finished 1-11, giving up 42.8 points per game while scoring just 12.3. Also, CSU allowed 42 or more points nine times, 50 or more four times and never scored more than 21.

The Bucs led the league in pass defense, mostly because everyone was chewing up more than 200 yards a game on the ground on them, including 36 rushing TDs.

Mills does have most everyone back and brings in 34 signees. For the first time, the program has a full complement of scholarships.

The Bucs return 6-1, 220-pound linebacker Jonna Lee, the league's Rookie of the Year and a first-team all-conference pick.

With two impact I-A transfers at RB, Salukis won't be sharing title this time around

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There was no national title, but it was still a banner year for the Gateway Conference, which proved itself perhaps the toughest from top to bottom in all of Division I-AA.

Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Western Illinois and Northern Iowa all finished the season ranked in the top 10 in the polls.

The league also made history. For the first time ever, it had the same players claim Player-of-the-Year honors for offense and defense for the second straight season. Illinois State linebacker Boomer Grigsby returns for a possible three-peat.

Southern Illinois was one of the best stories in all of college football last season, going from the outhouse to the penthouse. Coach Jerry Kill's team looks like it isn't going anywhere for a while either.

The rich get richer in Carbondale. **Southern Illinois**, which shared the Gateway title last season with Northern Iowa, headed into the offseason with a top priority of replacing a backfield trio that combined for 2,500 yards and 28 touchdowns. Consider it mission accomplished. Jerry Kill, runner-up for I-AA national Coach of the Year last season, added a tremendous stable of backs in the offseason.

The group is headlined by a pair of transfers—Brandon Jacobs (Auburn) and Terry Jackson (Minnesota). Jackson ran for more than 1,300 yards two seasons ago, while the 6-foot-4, 240-pound Jacobs provides a massive presence behind returning quarterback Joel Sambursky. Add juco Arkee Whitlock and SIU has as good a stable of backs as there is in I-AA.

Defensively, expect the Salukis to be even better than they were a year ago, as 10 of 11 starters are back. A run for a national title is likely.

A No. 5 final national ranking and a berth in the I-AA quarterfinals earned coach Mark Farley a contract extension at **Northern Iowa**. Farley has led the Panthers to two playoff appearances in three years. You want that type of leadership around through 2008.

And the type of leadership Farley wants around him as he tries to lead his team even deeper into the postseason is the kind quarterback Tom Petrie provides. Petrie enters his fourth season as a starter and will have a nice backfield partner in Terrance Freeney, an All-Gateway tailback last season as well as the conference's Newcomer of the Year. Northern has some serious losses to cover on defense, but there are replacement candidates, including promising sophomore Dre Dokes in the secondary.

Western Kentucky is a team to watch. Sophomore Justin Haddix returns behind center after a promising freshman season in which he threw for 1,875 yards and 13 touchdowns. Also back is Lerron Moore, who ran for close to 1,500 yards and 13 TDs. The Hilltoppers made the I-AA playoffs last season and look to be a consistent presence in the brackets with Moore and Haddix in the middle of what should be stellar careers.

The defense did an admirable job of holding down the fort last season, surrendering just 16.8 points per game. If they can come close to duplicating that effort this season, the Hilltoppers should find themselves near the top of the national standings once again.

The **Western Illinois** Leathernecks, who finished the season ranked in the top 10 and made their second straight appearance in the I-AA quarterfinals, have plenty of bullets in their offensive chamber heading into the season. Now all coach Don Patterson needs is a triggerman.

Western undoubtedly will be stung by the graduation of QB Russ Michna, a two-time Gateway Offensive Player of the Year. Someone needs to emerge from a crowded field of candidates. Whoever it is, he will likely spend a large amount of time trying to get the ball to Travis Glasford and Reggie Gray. Glasford ran for more than 1,300 yards last season, while Gray was the team's leading receiver.

The Leathernecks have some serious questions on defense, with spots to fill. Last season, the D allowed 26 points per game. There's a tough learning assignment against Nebraska in the season opener.

Since there are plenty of holes for **Illinois State** to fill offensively, we'll start on the other side of the ball, where every hole for the past three years has been filled—and forcefully—by all-everything linebacker Boomer Grigsby. The senior is the reigning Gateway Defensive Player of the Year (for the second straight season) and finished runner-up for the prestigious Buck Buchanan Award that goes to the top defensive player in I-AA. He will be joined by seven other returning defensive starters.

The good news on offense is that the Redbirds return four starters on the offensive line. Three-year starters Stafford Davis, Jeremy Melville and Mike Stegeman will be counted on heavily to produce ISU's fifth straight 1,000-yard rusher (a school record) and provide protection for projected starting QB Yance Vaughan.

The proud **Youngstown State** program finds itself in an unfamiliar situation. The Penguins are coming off a 5-7 season, the program's first losing campaign since 1995, and they enter this fall with plenty of question marks. For a while, YSU *was* Gateway football under coach Jim Tressel, but it has struggled since he left for Ohio State.

Junior Aaron Marshall is the team's most experienced quarterback, having started nine games as a sophomore. Leading rusher Josh Cayson is also back, but the offensive line appears thin and somewhat inexperienced.

There are familiar faces on defense, but that unit allowed nearly 400 yards per game for the season, including a ghastly 444 average in Gateway play.

Youth and injuries took their toll on **Indiana State** last season, but it's hard to find a team not affected by those two factors. That said, the Sycamores return eight starters on each side of the ball, so it could be a prove-them-all-wrong year for a team consistently picked to finish in the bottom half of the league.

Junior defensive end Kyle Mitchell had eight sacks and 12 tackles for loss as a sophomore and is a legitimate All-America candidate.

Southwest Missouri State has its work cut out if it is to improve on last season's four-win campaign that included just one win in Gateway play. Quarterback A.J. Porter returns after throwing for nearly 1,400 yards last year and will be aided by senior back Preston Portee, who was impressive in the spring game, and the return of Cody Pratt. Pratt rushed for more than 1,200 yards last season.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Southern Illinois**
2. **Northern Iowa**
3. **Western Kentucky**
4. **Western Illinois**
5. **Illinois State**
6. **Youngstown State**
7. **Indiana State**
8. **Southwest Missouri State**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Lerron Moore**, RB, Western Kentucky
Defense: **Boomer Grigsby**, LB, Illinois State
Newcomer: **Brandon Jacobs**, RB, Southern Illinois

GAMES TO WATCH

0.2 **Northern Iowa at Southern Illinois**
0.16 **Western Kentucky at Southern Illinois**
N.13 **Western Illinois at Western Kentucky**

All hail Yale: Elis, led by QB Cowan, primed to end Quakers' run of Ivy titles

By Chuck Newman
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Penn's recent dominance of Ivy League football, which has resulted in four titles in the last five years, could be challenged this season.

And from more than one contender.

"We have lost quality and quantity," says Quakers coach Al Bagnoli, who has tied Princeton's Carm Cozza for most outright Ivy League titles with six. "Our next group is going to have to make up for the losses."

The next group will be without such players as league Player-of-the-Year quarterback Mike Mitchell, who was 19-1 over the past two seasons and was among seven Quakers who were first-team All-Ivy selections.

That quantity and quality helped Penn become the first team to win two straight league titles since the 1993-94 Quakers.

Penn enters the season with a 15-game league winning streak and, despite some heavy personnel losses, will still have five players returning who were all-league first-teamers.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Brown all return skill-position players who piled up big numbers last year. Yale has the league's top passer in Alvin Cowan, while Brown will have the league's top rusher in Nick Hartigan.

The best news for **Yale** is the extra year of eligibility granted to Cowan, who led the league in total offense last season by completing 59.5 percent of his passes, helping the Elis post a league-high 35.4 points a game.

Cowan, running back Robert Carr, a second-team all-leaguer who averaged 4.7 yards a carry, and receiver Ralph Plumb (90 yards a game in receptions) are the core of the Ivy's most explosive offense.

The numbers should remain solid with the return up front of Ed McCarthy, the first offensive lineman in league history to be named Rookie of the Year, and Rory Hennessey, a first-team all-leaguer.

Big offensive numbers are also expected from **Harvard**, which returns QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was hurt in the fourth game of the season but returned to throw four TD passes for 230 yards in the season finale against Yale.

Production is also expected from sophomore running back Clifton Dawson, who was the first freshman in league history to rush for 1,000 yards (1,187). Also back is receiver Brian Edwards, who had 47 catches, eight for touchdowns.

On defense, second-team all-league linebacker Bobby Everett, who led the Crimson in tackles and had seven sacks and 13 tackles for loss, is back.

Penn's success last season was helped immeasurably by experience. Many of the starters got considerable playing time in 2002 thanks to an overwhelming margin of victory in many of the games. That won't be the case this season. Penn was pressed in many contests last season, necessitating starters to play most of each game.

Replacing QB Mike Mitchell, who threw for a league-high 26 touchdowns and 274 yards a game, and the entire offensive line is the priority if Penn hopes to get anywhere close to duplicating last year's scoring output of 34.6 points a game.

Two players who are listed to play a big role up front are transfer Michael Pierce of Division II power Grand Valley State and junior Greg Williams.

All-league receiver Dan Castles, who at 6-foot-5 is a defensive back's worst nightmare in this league, had a league-leading 71 catches for 1,067 yards and a league-high 13 touchdowns. Also back is junior running back Sam Matthews, who averaged 4.6 yards a carry and collected 1,266 yards on the ground.

The defense returns all-league linebacker Ric San Doval, along with All-Ivy defensive backs Duvol Thompson and Rudy Brown.

Princeton is definitely a team to watch, even after winning only two games last season. Two of the losses were in overtime and another on a Hail Mary pass on the final play of the game.

The Tigers never really got their offense settled after the projected starter at quarterback, Dave Splithoff, had arm problems and three other potential All-Ivy prospects never saw the field because of various circumstances.

Splithoff's replacement, Matt Verbit, stepped in and put up impressive numbers, throwing only seven interceptions and collecting 2,499 passing yards, but the team came up small in key situations, ranking last in the third-down conversions.

The secondary is led defensive back Jay McCareins, brother of NFL receiver Justin McCareins.

Brown won four of its last five games last season and has enough experience to make a legitimate run at the title if it can find a quarterback and replace top receiver Lonnie Hill, an All-Ivy choice who is taking a year off from school.

Known for years as almost exclusively a passing team, the Bears' success in 2003 came on the ground.

That strategy doesn't figure to change this season, not with the return of running back Nick Hartigan, who set a single-season school record with 148.9 yards rushing a game, best in the nation last year.

Dartmouth closed last season with five wins in its last six games. There is reason for optimism despite the loss of two key receivers—wideout Jay Barnard and tight end Casey Cramer—who accounted for 61 percent of the Big Green's receptions.

The good news is the return of quarterback Charlie Rittgers, who took over as the starter in the third game of the season and completed 56.7 percent of his passes for 2,138 yards and 15 touchdowns.

New coach Jim Knowles, 38, will have a major rebuilding job at **Cornell** as he takes over a team that didn't win a league game last season and has only five victories in three years.

Defense will likely be the initial focus of Knowles, who as an assistant here in 1988 helped the Big Red defense lead the league in that category. Knowles takes over a team that ranked last in scoring defense, giving up 30 points a game, and allowed a league-high 205 yards rushing per game.

D.J. Busch, who threw for 1,320 yards last season, returns at quarterback and will get protection from first-team all-league lineman Kevin Boothe, a 6-5, 308-pound NFL prospect.

Columbia doesn't figure to challenge for the league title but will be seeking to build on what was a decent 2003, winning three league games, one of them against second-place Harvard. Second-year coach Bob Shoops has 17 starters returning but will have to address the running game, both offensively and defensively.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Yale**
2. **Harvard**
3. **Penn**
4. **Princeton**
5. **Brown**
6. **Dartmouth**
7. **Cornell**
8. **Columbia**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Alvin Cowan**, QB, Yale
Defense: **Bobby Everett**, LB, Harvard
Newcomer: **Michael Pierce**, OL, Penn

GAMES TO WATCH

S.25 **Harvard at Brown**
O.25 **Princeton at Harvard**
N.5 **Yale at Princeton**
N.22 **Harvard at Yale**

Incredible shrinking MAAC has but one constant: Dukes' dominance

By Steve Amedio
Schenectady (N.Y.) Gazette

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference continued its seemingly annual offseason rite by shrinking again.

The conference lost another program over the winter when Siena dropped football to become the fourth MAAC member to discontinue the sport in the past three years, leaving the league with just five teams.

As usual, Duquesne is likely to dominate not only conference play, but beyond.

The Dukes have won the past five league titles, and earned acclaim as the top mid-major Division I-AA program nationally in 2003. Their presence in the crumbling MAAC is like having the Mona Lisa in a dusty warehouse.

Duquesne officials were so upset by Siena's relatively late decision to drop the sport (in mid-January)—forcing the Dukes to seek out another non-league opponent—that the schools broke an agreement with Siena's basketball program that would have had those two teams meet in each of the next two seasons.

"A football conference affiliation is very important to us," says Duquesne Athletic Director Brian Colleary. "It gives our student-athletes something to aim for in the form of a championship. It also gives us an identity and opportunities for our players to earn individual honors."

Duquesne has made initial inquiries about joining the Patriot League, Pioneer League, Northeast Conference or the Big South.

MAAC Commissioner Rich Ensor, though, says he is looking into merging the remaining conference teams with another conference, likely the Northeast Conference, for next season.

The MAAC champion will once again meet the NEC regular-season champ in the ECAC Classic. Duquesne beat Monmouth 12-10 in that game last season and appears to be all but a sure thing to return to the contest.

Until then, the Dukes' main tests will be non-conference games against four Patriot League teams, Pioneer League power Morehead State and Robert Morris of the NEC.

Duquesne will be trying to extend its 29-game winning streak against MAAC opponents with a roster that returns 12 starters from the team that finished 8-3 in 2003.

Leading the way will be 6-foot-3, 215-pound senior quarterback Niel Loebig, the MAAC's top offensive player last season, and 6-2, 270-pound junior defensive tackle Josh Antinopoulos.

Loebig already owns 13 of the school's 15 passing records, and threw for 3,086 yards last season. Only two returning Division I-A or I-AA quarterbacks have thrown for more than Loebig's career 76 TDs (Bruce Eugene of Grambling, 83; and Timmy Chang of Hawaii, 79).

Loebig's primary target will be senior wide receiver Michel Warfield (51 catches, 1,147 yards, 22.5 yards per catch in 2003). Three key members of the offensive line are also back.

Defensively, Antinopoulos finished second on the team in sacks and tackles for loss last year. Other defensive keys are junior linebacker Harry Carter and senior cornerback Armar Watson.

Iona and La Salle will likely be the top contenders to finish behind Duquesne.

Iona (6-5 overall, 4-1 MAAC) returns six offensive starters, including first-team all-conference wide receiver Dennis Calacione, the school's first pass catcher to go over the 1,000-yard mark (53 catches, 1,122 yards) in a season since the program moved to I-AA status in 1993.

Also back is 5-foot-8 sophomore running back Nat Modica, the MAAC's 2003 Offensive Rookie of the Year who ran for 682 yards and six touchdowns, and senior tight end Dan Campbell (29 catches, 502 yards).

Gone is two-year starting quarterback Billy Brieden, but former Virginia prep standout Mike Biehl is expected to step in.

Defensively, Iona lost five All-MAAC honorees, but several solid pieces return, including all-league defensive end Frank Meade and linebacker Kurt Vranich.

Despite the early-March resignation of coach Archie Stalcup, **La Salle** (3-8, 2-3) is expected to improve under new coach Phil Longo.

Nine offensive starters return, including former wide receiver/defensive back Vernard Abrams, who missed last season and will move into the quarterback spot. All five offensive line starters and the team's top three wide receivers from a year ago are back.

Also on board is the team's top returning running back, Ken Triboletti, who gained 763 rushing yards in 2003.

Defensively, seniors Jeff Fletcher and Chris Umbrell lead a strong secondary.

Marist (4-6, 2-3) figures to be better this season, at least from an experience standpoint. Last season's team had only one offensive lineman with any previous playing time. This year's team now has eight linemen with considerable experience from a year ago.

The team's top receiver, Guy Smith, had a school-record 905 receiving yards last year.

James Luft, who set several school passing records in 2003, is back to run the offense, which will need sophomore tailback Brad Rowe (52 carries, 262 yards) to help balance things out.

Defensively, sophomore Barry Corriea, the MAAC's Defensive Rookie of the Year, anchors the secondary. Other key defensive returnees are Rob Thompson (55 tackles) and Mike Drury (40).

St. Peter's (2-8, 2-3), a MAAC power as recently as 2001 when it finished 10-1, has fallen on tough times of late, but seems to be moving forward again under second-year coach Scott Kochman.

The Peacocks, though, will be inexperienced at quarterback, with sophomores Kris Gryte and Cody Tucci battling for the position.

Other skill positions are set with junior running back Sean Mayers (986 yards rushing), senior wide receiver Brandon Edmonds (26 catches), and sophomore tight end Troy Lindsley (11).

The defense has some key players back, including last year's leading tackler and all-league linebacker, Alfredo Pascal, and 2001 Defensive-Rookie-of-the-Year Shawn Poling, now a senior defensive end.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Duquesne**
2. **Iona**
3. **La Salle**
4. **Marist**
5. **St. Peter's**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Niel Loebig**, QB, Duquesne
Defense: **Josh Antinopoulos**, DT, Duquesne
Newcomer: **Anthony Tillman**, LB, Duquesne

GAMES TO WATCH

S.25 **Iona at Marist**
O.9 **Iona at Duquesne**
O.30 **Duquesne at La Salle**
N.6 **La Salle at Iona**

Tough schedule should help 'Danes fend off Monmouth challenge

By Steve Amedio
Schenectady (N.Y.) Gazette

The University of Albany has never avoided tough opponents on its non-conference schedule, firmly believing that playing better teams is the best preparation for Northeast Conference play.

Two years ago, it met defending national champion Montana. Last season, its opening game was against Northeastern, which had most of its players back from a team that made the I-AA quarterfinals the previous season.

Next year, Delaware, the 2003 national champ, is set to play Albany.

There isn't any one opponent on the Great Danes' schedule this season that is likely to contend for national-title honors, but their out-of-conference slate overall is probably their toughest ever.

The Danes' non-league opponents are Fordham and Hofstra of the Atlantic 10, Patriot League contender Lehigh and Brown of the Ivy League.

Does that help?

It seems to. Albany won the Northeast Conference title outright two years ago and shared the regular season's top spot last year with Monmouth, as both finished with 6-1 records.

"It helps to get one of those 'program' wins by beating one of those teams," says veteran Danes coach Bob Ford. "We almost had one last year. We might have beaten Brown if we didn't have four turnovers in the game."

Albany will need to be mistake-free in its attempt to win or share the NEC title for the third consecutive season.

Gone is running back Gary Jones, the NEC's top player last year, as well as his running mate, Jon George.

Albany's strength on offense is in its receivers, where Jason Miller (15 catches, 321 yards) and redshirt freshman Ronnie DeAraujo are the top two targets.

But the quarterback with the best passing touch, Anthony Sciarra, left the program to attend law school despite a remaining year of eligibility. Uli Delgado, a transfer from Colgate who only connected on 18 of 50 passes he threw in a reserve role last year, will need to improve.

A superb offensive line spearheaded by pro prospect Geir Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 315-pounder, and Brandon Shaw should help.

The Danes might have the NEC's top defense. Linebacker Brian Becker is the top returning tackler, while Kurt Campbell, a rover back, will be a standout if he's healthy.

Last season **Monmouth** earned the right to advance to a postseason game against Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champ Duquesne by virtue of its regular-season victory over Albany, and the Hawks figure to battle the Great Danes for the top spot again.

Monmouth (10-2 overall, 6-1 NEC) led the nation in rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense last year but will be without NEC Defensive-Player-of-the-Year Joe Sentipal.

Offensively, Monmouth returns junior wide receiver Miles Austin, who set a school record with 12 touchdown receptions last season. Sophomore quarterback Brian Boland, a transfer from Rutgers, completed 56 percent of his passes in 2003.

Stony Brook (6-4, 4-3) won four of its last five games and appears capable of carrying that late-season surge into this season. T.J. Moriarity is the NEC's top returning quarterback, ranking first in total offense (222.9 yards per game) last year and completing 58.3 percent of his passes.

Also back is senior tailback Clinton Graham, whose 1,055 rushing yards were fourth in the NEC a year ago.

The Seawolves also have several senior defensive standouts, including end David Bamiro, a first-team All-NEC choice last season, and linebacker Eddie Cobbinah and defensive back Ernie Williams, both second-teamers.

Robert Morris (6-4, 4-3), coached by former New York Jets boss Joe Walton, was once the league's dominant program, winning five straight titles from 1996 through 2000, but should be in the hunt again this year despite the loss of tailback Sam Dorsett, the second-leading rusher in NEC history.

The defense is strong and will be led by senior linebacker James Noel and sophomore defensive back James Niklos, both All-NEC selections last year.

Central Connecticut State (3-8, 2-5) has a new coach in former UMass defensive coordinator Tom Masella and, it seems, new hopes to move up in the NEC.

The offense has two key pieces in senior quarterback Scott Dolch, who completed 133 of 277 passes for 1,903 yards last season, and sophomore running back Cory Harge, last season's NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year. Harge rushed for 1,082 yards (5.7 per attempt) and might be the league's best back this year.

Defensively, CCSU lost several starters up front to graduation, but will be solid in the secondary with returning senior standouts Chris Blackshear and Donnie Rose.

Wagner (6-5, 3-4) was hit hard by graduation, particularly to its running game, but does return some offensive weaponry in senior quarterback David Bateman (1,925 passing yards, 14 TDs last season), incoming transfer quarterback John Sciarra from UCLA and sophomore wide receiver Chris Turner (32 catches, 398 yards). Also back are seven experienced offensive linemen, led by Sean Drier, Joe Martucci and Robert Stephens.

Defensively, the Seahawks lost three key defensive linemen and their top linebacker to graduation.

Sacred Heart (6-5, 3-4) lost more to graduation (six All-NEC first- or second-team selections) than any league team and will likely struggle to duplicate last season's solid results.

Sacred Heart's offensive strength should be its passing game, and could be for several seasons. Sophomore QB Dan Ammel showed promise as a freshman and has a couple of talented wideouts in Alvin Franklin and Mike Peshler to throw to.

Defensively, linebacker Dave Morson and defensive back Briton Keel, both seniors, are the top returning tacklers.

St. Francis (1-9, 0-7) didn't measure improvement a year ago in its record, but in its results that were much closer than in recent seasons. Included was one of its top performances in the season finale, a 28-21 loss to co-champion Monmouth.

That was probably a sign of things to come, not only for this season but for some time. Offensively, the Red Flash lost its top ground-gainer (Michael Hall) but returns just about everyone else at the skill positions, including sophomore quarterback Tony Doria (1,663 passing yards, 12 TDs).

PREDICTIONS

1. **Albany**
2. **Monmouth**
3. **Stony Brook**
4. **Robert Morris**
5. **Central Connecticut State**
6. **Wagner**
7. **Sacred Heart**
8. **St. Francis (Pa.)**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Geir Gudmundson**, OL, Albany
Defense: **James Noel**, LB, Robert Morris
Newcomer: **John Sciarra**, QB, Wagner

GAMES TO WATCH

S.25 **Stony Brook at Monmouth**
O.16 **Monmouth at Albany**
O.23 **Albany at Stony Brook**

The name says Ohio Valley, but look to Alabama for a champ

By Michael Grant
The (Louisville) Courier-Journal

The brave new world of Ohio Valley Conference football centered largely on the state of Alabama last year. In their first year of OVC play, Jacksonville State and Samford represented the state well. The Gamecocks won the league championship and Samford finished in a three-way tie for third place. Both teams should remain contenders in what promises be another hard-fought season in the league.

After his first year as coach at Eastern Kentucky, Danny Hope could ride a high-octane offense to the OVC championship this season. The Colonels' passing game has the personnel to be very good. Hope will be looking to lead his alma mater to its first conference title in seven years.

If you're looking for dark horses, pay attention to Murray State and Eastern Illinois. In 2002, they shared the league championship. Last season, they both had losing records. With a rebuilt offensive line and steady quarterback play, Murray State might be a factor. Meanwhile, Eastern Illinois' defense should be able to keep it in games.

Jacksonville State (8-4 overall, 7-1 OVC) surprised some by winning the OVC in its first year in the conference. As good as that felt, the Gamecocks should be motivated to do better after the sting of being manhandled in the postseason by Western Kentucky, 45-7.

The scary part for the rest of the league is that coach Jack Crowe believes that his team has the potential to be even better. In the same breath, he acknowledges that the competition might be a little tougher. Jacksonville State's offense has six starters back, including quarterback Maurice Mullins. He rushed for 612 yards and nine TDs and passed for 991 yards and seven scores last season. Crowe would like to see more balance. The Gamecocks led the league in rushing (242.1 yards per game) and were last in passing (106.4).

Defensively, the program brings back its leading tackler, linebacker Jonathan Crutcher (68 stops), and nose tackle Mark Tibbs.

Coach Danny Hope's return to his alma mater was a roller-coaster ride. At one point, **Eastern Kentucky** (7-5, 6-2) was 1-4 and in danger of finishing with a losing record for the first time since 1972. But the Colonels closed out the season with four straight victories and enter this year with the longest winning streak of all OVC teams.

Eastern took some time adjusting to Hope's wide-open passing offense after years under legendary coach Roy Kidd's run-first, ask-questions-later strategy. Once the players got it together, they were productive, averaging 38 points in their final six games. Overall, EKU set 13 school records for passing, including five by quarterback Matt Guice.

The Colonels should be able to pick up where they left off. Guice fought through an injury-plagued year to pass for a school-record 2,266 yards and 16 TDs.

The biggest beneficiary of Hope's offense was wideout Andre Ralston (59 catches for 1,082 yards, 9 TDs). Ralston opened a lot of eyes with his performance against I-A Central Michigan when he had eight catches for 211 yards and two scores.

Murray State (4-8, 3-5) lost six of seven games at one point last season. Interestingly enough, the victory during that stretch came against Jacksonville State. The disappointing season culminated with a 35-10 home loss to Tennessee State.

Murray had the league's top pass defense (142 yards per game) and second-best overall defense (323.8), and lost only four starters from that defense. Senior defensive tackle Marcus White had 18 tackles for a loss, including nine sacks.

Samford (7-4, 5-3) returns the league's Offensive Player of the Year (wide receiver Efrem Hill), its Defensive Player of the Year (defensive back Cortland Finnegan) and the Coach of the Year (Bill Gray).

Hill, a 6-foot-2, 170-pound senior, caught an OVC-record 92 passes for 1,387 yards and a league-record 15 TDs in leading the OVC's top pass offense (271.5 yards per game) and scoring offense (31.8 points per game). His receiving-yardage total was the second highest in OVC history and his average of 126.1 yards per game was the most in I-AA football.

Finnegan, a junior, led the OVC with an average of 9.8 tackles per game. He was second in the conference with 108 stops, and he ranked third in the league with 11 passes defended, including three interceptions.

If one player can lift **Tennessee State** (7-5, 5-3) to greater heights, it's tailback Charles Anthony. Anthony led the OVC in rushing (1,708 yards) and all-purpose yardage (172.5 per game). Anthony has rushed for more than 100 yards in all but one of his games with the Tigers. He scored 13 rushing TDs and finished fifth in the Walter Payton Award balloting. Anthony was able to carry Tennessee State to third-place OVC tie after it went 2-10 in 2002.

Eastern Illinois' (4-8, 3-5) run of OVC titles came to an end last year. The Panthers had won at least a share of the previous two championships. It was only the program's second losing season in the past eight years.

Eastern Illinois will have to replace linebacker Nick Ricks, who anchored a defense that gave up the fewest points in the league (22.3 per game).

Southeast Missouri's (5-7, 5-3) attempt to win its first league championship came up short. The Indians deserve credit for rallying from an 0-5 start, and had a chance for a tie for the OVC, but lost the season-ender to outright champ Jacksonville State 22-17. Southeast returns 31 lettermen, including 16 starters from last year's team that won five of its final seven games. Arizona State transfer Andrew Goodenough passed for 407 yards in the 2003 season finale.

Tennessee Tech (2-9, 1-7) enters the season with a league-high seven-game losing streak. Coach Mike Henningan stepped down as athletic director to concentrate on football after experiencing the program's worst season since going 1-10 in 1988. Tech will lean on Derek White, who last season was the top freshman running back in the OVC with 628 yards.

As expected, coach Matt Griffin's first season was a rough one. **Tennessee-Martin's** (2-10, 1-7) lone OVC victory came in overtime against Tennessee Tech, 30-23. Since then, the Skyhawks have dropped six in a row by an average margin of 16.3 points. They could be in for more of the same. There are some promising players, however, like junior defensive back Chad McMahan, who was second in the league with six interceptions, and sophomore wide receiver Taurean Stephens (66 catches, 665 yards).

PREDICTIONS

1. **Jacksonville State**
2. **Eastern Kentucky**
3. **Murray State**
4. **Samford**
5. **Tennessee State**
6. **Eastern Illinois**
7. **Southeast Missouri**
8. **Tennessee Tech**
9. **Tennessee-Martin**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Charles Anthony**, RB, Tennessee State
Defense: **Marcus White**, DT, Murray State
Newcomer: **Charles McCoy**, DB, Southeast Missouri

GAMES TO WATCH

S.8 **Western Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky**
S.24 **Jacksonville State at Eastern Kentucky**
N.6 **Samford at Jacksonville State**
N.20 **Eastern Illinois at Samford**

Colgate's march to I-AA title game has coaches excited about league's future

By Ed Laubach
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Last winter was a blur for Colgate coach Dick Biddle, whose Raiders extended their winning streak to 21 games—and their season right up to Christmas before losing to Delaware in the Division I-AA championship game. Biddle had back surgery, forcing the American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year to miss a trip to Hawaii to coach in the Hula Bowl, and before he knew it, spring practice was under way with the snow still melting in Hamilton, N.Y.

Biddle hasn't had much time to look back on a 15-1 season, and probably wouldn't if he could. Except for a few voids to plug, the coach expects little drop-off, if any.

The extent of the Raiders' success last season caught most by surprise.

"Colgate really put an exclamation point on it," Bucknell coach Tim Landis says. "It gives us all hope. People around the country are finding out what we already knew: We don't take a back seat to anyone. Colgate's still the team to beat. They're good. In our case, they really took it to us. The bar has been set awfully high."

Adds Lafayette coach Frank Tavani: "Colgate did a great thing for our league. It legitimizes us. Hey, that's one heck of a football team."

Colgate's date with Lehigh on Oct. 30 in Bethlehem, Pa., should again decide the regular-season championship.

Colgate begins with three of the league's most productive offensive players: tailback Jamaal Branch, who rushed for a I-AA-record 2,326 yards and won the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top I-AA player; quarterback Chris Brown, who's 18-1 as a starter; and Luke Graham, a two-time 1,000-yard wide receiver. Brown and Graham were second-team all-league players.

The Raiders have a unique situation at tailback. Ray LaMonica rushed for 903 yards in 2002—when Branch had taken a hiatus from the program—and left school himself last season, but is back.

Mike Latek, a second-team all-league defensive tackle who sat out 2003 to have shoulder surgery, returns to a veteran unit. Adam Leeman, a defensive end, had four sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss last season. Another player to watch is Antrell Tyson, a second-team all-league linebacker.

Whether **Lehigh**—which has either won or shared the league championship four of the last six years and gone 2-4 in the I-AA playoffs—finishes at the top again will hinge on the outcome of the Mountain Hawks' home game with defending champion Colgate Oct. 30. The Mountain Hawks start with pro prospect Adam Bergen, a first-team all-conference tight end who caught 70 balls for 840 yards in 2003. Justin Terry, a second-team selection, is a three-year starting center who anchors a veteran offensive line. Kyle Keating, 7-1 as the starting quarterback, passed for 1,419 yards and 16 touchdowns and punted for a 38-yard average. Eric Rath and Marques Thompson are the new one-two punch at tailback.

The Mountain Hawks took some hits on the defensive side, particularly in the line and at linebacker. Nevertheless, coach Pete Lembo has a young group of athletic linemen to fill in around second-team all-conference tackle Royle Morgan, an outstanding pass rusher who had eight sacks. Perhaps the biggest loss was Tom Gilmore, the defensive coordinator for the last four seasons who was named head coach at Holy Cross. Gilmore's unit allowed the fewest points in the league and finished second in total defense.

The durability of quarterbacks Daris Wilson and John Henry Jackson in a triple-option offense is the secret to success at **Bucknell**. If they go down, the Bison go with them. Wilson rushed for 720 yards as part of the league's most productive offense but missed three games with an ankle injury. At one point, the Bison were down to their third-string QB. When healthy, however, Bucknell can roll up the yardage. Fullback Blamah Sarnor ran for 928 yards.

Kevin Ransome, a second-team all-league linebacker who led the Bison with 116 tackles, heads a defensive unit that returns nine starters. Coach Tim Landis likes 6-5 end Sean Conover, a converted tight end with size, speed and ability.

Fordham improved so much during Dave Clawson's five years as head coach that Richmond came along and hired him away. While offensive coordinator Ed Foley, promoted to head coach, plans to keep the system intact, the burden will be on a veteran defensive unit to make plays while young skill-position athletes grow into their jobs.

Defense begins with a pair of returning first-team All-Patriot League stars in tackle Aki Jones and corner Tad Kornegay, and NaQuinton Gainous, who was second-team linebacker selection for the second year in a row. Placekicker Micah Clukey led the league in scoring and converted 11 of 14 field goal attempts. He was named Freshman of the Year and second-team All-Patriot League.

Last year's No. 1 team in total offense, **Lafayette**, graduated its first two quarterbacks, so coach Frank Tavani plans to add a new wrinkle to the offense by using Joe McCourt, a second-team all-league tailback, as a situational wideout. McCourt not only led his team with 1,157 rushing yards but was the leading receiver with 52 catches for 444 yards.

Holy Cross, a former league power that hasn't been much of a factor the last 10 years, is starting anew with coach Tom Gilmore, the former Lehigh defensive coordinator whose unit last season was first in scoring defense and second in total defense. Thus, the most notable changes will come on a defense that ranked last in every category and gave up nearly 40 points a game.

The Crusaders' strengths are at the skill positions. Quarterback John O'Neill's 2,573 passing yards ranked third in the league. He threw for 19 touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

Bob Benson, who signed a five-year contract extension that will keep him coaching at **Georgetown** through the 2009 season, hired former Navy coach Elliott Uzelac to be his offensive coordinator, and is letting the rest of the league know the Hoyas aren't going away, either. Only a handful of seniors graduated from a 4-8 squad that won just one league game but played Colgate to a one-point loss on opening day. Benson needs wide receivers, a pair of inside linebackers and must shore up an offensive line that permitted 43 sacks, second worst in the league.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Colgate**
2. **Lehigh**
3. **Bucknell**
4. **Fordham**
5. **Lafayette**
6. **Holy Cross**
7. **Georgetown**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Jamaal Branch**, RB, Colgate
Defense: **Aki Jones**, DT, Fordham
Newcomer: **Mark Oppong**, DE, Bucknell

GAMES TO WATCH

0.23 **Bucknell at Lehigh**
0.30 **Colgate at Lehigh**
N.13 **Colgate at Bucknell**
N.13 **Fordham at Lehigh**
N.20 **Colgate at Fordham**

Harbaugh follows dad's footsteps as I-AA coach, but Dayton still flies high in PFL

By Sean P. Hayden
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If collective NFL experience in the coaching staff has any influence whatsoever on the Pioneer Football League race this season, then San Diego is sitting pretty and the rest of the league is in some serious, serious trouble.

The Toreros, after letting coach Kevin McGarry go during the season a year ago, were quick to make a hire once their year ended—and boy did they make a splash.

On Dec. 20, USD named former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh as the school's new coach. Harbaugh brings with him not only years of playing experience, but a pedigree with deep coaching bloodlines. His father, Jack, was head coach at Western Kentucky for 14 years before retiring after the Hilltoppers claimed the 2002 I-AA national championship.

Harbaugh added more glitz to the Toreros by naming former NFL cornerback Charles Dimry to his staff, as well as Dave Adolph, a longtime NFL coach who was most recently with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Harbaugh's arrival overshadows Valparaiso's historic 2003 season in which the Crusaders went from worst to first and claimed the PFL title with a 54-42 win over Morehead State in the championship game.

NORTH DIVISION

Not many programs will consider a 9-2 season an off-year, but then again not many programs have the tradition and lofty aspirations of coach Mike Kelly's **Dayton** Flyers, who won the PFL championship in the first two years of the league's two-division format. Dayton returns 25 lettermen from a year ago, including All-America safety Doug Jones. Quarterback Brandon Staley returns for his senior season, but the Flyers have some huge holes to fill on the offensive line as well as in the linebacking corps and defensive backfield.

Valparaiso returns one of the most productive receivers in college football in All-America candidate Rob Giancola, but must find someone to get him the ball after the graduation of record-breaking quarterback David Macchi. Joe Milazzo, the incumbent, has some big shoes to fill. Giancola led all I-AA receivers last year with 1,496 yards receiving and 23 touchdowns and set four school single-season records in the process. Those numbers might decrease somewhat with Macchi's magic arm gone and the Crusaders opting to rely more on back Nick Reid. Kevin Knutson, another 1,000-yard receiver last year, is also back. Defensive back Chris Daniels looks to improve on his six interceptions of a year ago.

If you're looking for a dark-horse candidate to do this season what Valpo did the last, **Drake** could be your team. Rob Ash's Bulldogs return 18 starters from last year's 6-6 squad, including senior wide receiver Jason Jones. Jones set school records in 2003 for receptions (75) and receiving yards (1,267). Quarterback Connor Jostes also returns after throwing for 2,646 yards and 21 touchdowns. Drake looks solid up front but will need to find somebody to replace productive Jonathan Taylor in the backfield.

With the graduation of All-PFL QB Eric Rasmussen, **San Diego** enters the season with questions of its own behind center. But the Toreros couldn't have a better tutor than new coach Jim Harbaugh, who spent 15 seasons in the NFL. San Diego must replace six all-league performers on both sides of the ball but, offensively, does return Evan Harney in the backfield and Keith Zapalac up front.

Chew on these stats for a second: **Butler** allowed more than three times as many points per game as it scored—and allowed three times as many yards rushing as it gained, losing the first nine games of last season.

The bright spot? Butler ended the season with a two-game winning streak, including an upset of PFL champ Valpo to offer hope for 2004. The Bulldogs, however, must account for the loss of Brandon Martin, the North Division Defensive Player of the Year, in the secondary. Martin led all of I-AA with eight interceptions last season.

SOUTH DIVISION

Back-to-back South Division titles have **Morehead State** working on a three-peat, but the Eagles will have to do it without magical quarterback David Caudill, the third prolific league signal-caller lost to graduation this season. While MSU did put up some gaudy scoring totals with Caudill & Co.—30 points per game—it did not suffer on the other side of the ball, which is where its returning strength is heading into this season.

Linebacker Craig Unger was the South Division's Co-Defensive Player of the Year as a junior and highlights a group of six all-league performers returning on that side of the ball. All-America candidate Charles Byrd is another standout defender.

In his first year on the job, **Austin Peay State** coach Carroll McCray instilled a youth movement. The result was a 4-7 record but a solid and promising foundation on which to build the 2004 season. Junior quarterback Jesse Kellogg is back, as well as junior Quea Williams and sophomore Rafeal Hill, the team's two leading rushers. And Pat Curran is back for his junior season after catching 56 passes a year ago. Defensively, APSU will feel the loss of end Joe Bell and rely on the likes of linebacker Ryan Taylor and defensive back Chase Mitchell.

Junior quarterback Mike Sturgill better get the ice ready at **Jacksonville**. He'll likely need it for his arm since the Dolphins said goodbye to running back Emmett Hunter, who accounted for nearly 1,500 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. The good news for Sturgill is that his primary target, junior Julio Santiago, is also back on board. Top linebacker Brandon Torre, who accounted for 4.5 sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss a year ago, spearheads a defense that also welcomes back All-PFL South performers Tim Hasse and Bryan Flowers.

Davidson had a run of five straight winning seasons stopped last year and appears headed to start a streak of losing seasons.

Coach Mike Toop does have some key contributors back, most notable among them 1,000-yard rusher John Leverett and quarterbacks Damion White and Tom Cook, but overall there doesn't seem to be enough here to predict more than a basement finish in the South Division. The Wildcats dropped their last four games in 2003, and were embarrassed at home, 54-7, by San Diego.

PREDICTIONS

NORTH

1. **Dayton**
2. **Valparaiso**
3. **Drake**
4. **San Diego**
5. **Butler**

SOUTH

1. **Morehead State**
2. **Austin Peay State**
3. **Jacksonville**
4. **Davidson**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Rob Giancola**, WR, Valparaiso
Defense: **Doug Jones**, S, Dayton
Newcomer: **Ryan Feely**, PK, Jacksonville

GAMES TO WATCH

S.11 **Morehead State at Dayton**
0.2 **Valparaiso at Morehead State**
0.23 **Valparaiso at Drake**

Florida transfer Ingle Martin could be missing ingredient for Furman offense

By Stan Olson
The Charlotte Observer

Another year, another defector. Last year, Virginia Military Institute, everyone's favorite homecoming opponent, finally dropped out of the Southern Conference. This year, East Tennessee State is departing. The Bucs decided they couldn't afford to keep the sport, so they closed it down, even auctioning off their equipment. East Tennessee players were free to transfer without sitting out a year, and many of them—along with head coach Paul Hamilton—wound up at conference rival Elon.

Expect the more streamlined Southern to continue to prosper. League-wide, 63 percent of last season's starters return, including six of eight starting quarterbacks. And as the daddy of NCAA Division I-AA football leagues, the SC is building a reputation as something of a haven for former big-time recruits seeking more playing time. Former Florida quarterback Ingle Martin transferred to Furman, while ex-South Carolina QB Bennett Swygert switched to Western Carolina.

There was something of a changing of the guard at the top of the league last year, as Wofford, a member since only 1997 and Division I's second-smallest member, won the title and reached the national semifinals.

Take an already-great defense and balance it with an improving offense and you have a championship mix. **Furman** is that kind of team this year. Start with the addition of Ingle Martin, who opened last season as the Gators' starter and completed 47 of 77 passes before being replaced by freshman phenom Chris Leak. He won the Paladins' starting job in spring practice, pushing Bo Moore—second in the SC in total offense with 1,703 yards last season—to the bench and prompting former No. 2 QB Josh Stepp to transfer.

Furman (6-5, 4-4 SC in 2003) prides itself on its defense, and last season held opponents to a league-low 14.1 points a game, allowing just 46 second-half points. This time, that unit will be led by linebacker Mike Killian (132 tackles), who may be the best at his position in the league, and safety Cam Newton, also an All-America candidate.

After its surprising 8-0 run through the conference and No. 3 national finish, **Wofford** (12-2 overall) is primed to defend its title. A total of 17 starters return from a team that allowed no more than 17 points in any of its 12 victories and had a nation's-best turnover margin of plus-23. Coach Mike Ayers wins with sturdy defense, and complements it with a potent option ground attack that gobbles up big chunks of clock.

Back again to anchor a defensive unit that topped the league with 22 interceptions and 29 sacks are linebackers Timmy Thrift (93 tackles) and Jim Thurman (78), along with linemen Lee Basinger and Katon Bethay, both second-team All-SC choices. The offense features interchangeable QBs Jeff Zolman (607 rushing yards) and Trey Rogers.

Appalachian State shook off a 1-3 start to finish 7-4 overall and 6-2 in the league, but the Mountaineers couldn't catch Wofford. Coach Jerry Moore, though, churns out contenders annually in beautiful Boone, N.C., and this fall will be no different as he approaches his 16th season.

Adjustments must be made; the Apps lost five first-team all-conference performers from their defense, including All-America defensive lineman K.T. Stovall, the league's top defender. There is a core of talent back, though, including sophomore Corey Lynch (6 INTs, 4 fumble recoveries).

The offense is led by junior QB Richie Williams, who topped the SC in passing efficiency with a 143.3 mark.

You wouldn't expect to see **Georgia Southern** this far down the SC list, but the league isn't the Eagles' personal playpen anymore. After six straight years of either winning or sharing the crown, GSU skidded to 7-4 overall and 5-3 in the family a year ago. A main reason was an uncharacteristic minus-eight turnover margin, a figure boosted by instability at QB, where Chaz Williams, the league's top offensive player in 2002, missed much of the season with a knee injury.

Williams is healthy again, and will be joined in the backfield by fullback Jermaine Austin, who replaced him as the SC's best offensive player after churning out 1,461 yards and helping GSU lead the nation in rushing.

The defense is also solid, with 10 starters returning, including second-team all-conference defensive lineman Eric Hadley.

The best of the league's second echelon, is **Chattanooga** (3-9, 3-5), which should benefit from an outstanding recruiting class. Second-year coach Rodney Allison's Mocs lost their first six games of 2003 but finished (sort of) strongly, splitting the last six. They will again emphasize a prolific passing attack led by juco transfer Vinnie Maroth, who took over the offense in last season's fourth game and completed 190 of 301 passes for 2,011 yards. His favorite target, Alonzo Nix (an SC-record 90 receptions), returns.

The good news for **Western Carolina** (5-7, 3-5) was that the Catamounts had seven all-conference players last year. The bad news was that all seven were seniors. Third-year coach Kent Briggs must regroup after losing QB Brian Gaither, top wide receiver Lamont Seward and offensive tackle Jason Whaley, among others. That's where Bennett Swygert, the South Carolina transfer, comes in. He should have the the ability to take control of the offense and, with wideouts Michael Reeder (58 catches) and Xavier Godard (38), keep WCU's passing offense, which led the league a year ago, clicking.

Can new coach Paul Hamilton improve the situation at **Elon**, a program that was 2-10 overall and 1-7 in its first year of SC competition? Bringing some of the best and brightest of his ETSU contingent should help. The team's biggest problem in 2003 was simply an inability to move the football—the Phoenix finished last nationally in total offense (225.8 yards per game), and scored on just 50 percent of its meager 24 trips into the red zone.

Ellis Johnson left **The Citadel** (6-6, 4-4) after three years as boss to become defensive coordinator at Mississippi State. John Zernhelt, the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator, takes over, and his first job will be to revamp the offense, which will be missing All-SC QB Willie Simmons. Fifth-year senior Justin Hardin has the inside track to replace him in the pro-style scheme after a strong spring. Back again are all-conference tight end Ross Armstrong and running back Nehemiah Broughton, who rushed for 776 yards and scored 10 TDs.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Furman**
2. **Wofford**
3. **Appalachian State**
4. **Georgia Southern**
5. **Chattanooga**
6. **Western Carolina**
7. **Elon**
8. **The Citadel**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Chaz Williams**, QB, Georgia Southern
Defense: **Mike Killian**, LB, Furman
Newcomer: **Ingle Martin**, QB, Furman

GAMES TO WATCH

0.16 **Appalachian State at Georgia Southern**
0.23 **Wofford at Appalachian State**
N.6 **Georgia Southern at Furman**
N.13 **Furman at Wofford**

Despite schedule advantages, SFA will have devil of a time keeping up with the Demons

By Bill Smith
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The commissioner needs to keep the tiebreaker policies handy. After a near-miss last year at a three-way tie for the top, the probability of a triple title is better this season as McNeese State loses several key players and Northwestern State and Stephen F. Austin pull closer to the almost-perennial-champion Cowboys.

Last season was viewed as a down year for the Southland, as one of I-AA's historic power leagues received no at-large bid. The top-seeded Cowboys didn't help that perception by mustering a mere field goal against Northern Arizona in the opening round at home in Lake Charles, La.

To the outside world, it probably looks like more of the same since the standings are likely to divvy up as three haves and three have-nots, but the quality of play in the bottom half improves even if the league records stay the same.

It all adds up to a year dominated by the schedule, and it's not kind to the Cowboys, who must play at SFA and Northwestern State. Stephen F. Austin gets the break by hosting all three of its potential title rivals (MSU, NSU and Sam Houston). The Lumberjacks even get the nod in the event of the unbreakable three-way tie for the Southland's automatic bid by virtue of the longest absence from the playoffs.

Northwestern State has a talented stable of running backs led by second-team All-Southland senior Derrick Johnese (923 rushing yards, 11 TDs) and Shelton Sampson (712, 7), and an equally impressive receiver corps headed up by two-year starter Toby Zeigler (30 catches, 367 yards).

Coach Scott Stoker shuffled the offensive line to enhance its size by shifting returning starting tackles Greg Buckley and Kyle Dunkleberger to guard. Vinson was impressive in the spring, and continued improvement in the fall puts NSU on the edge of a return to the playoffs.

Last season's Southland Newcomer of the Year, Jamall Johnson, anchors the Demon defense. The senior linebacker leads a unit that returns most of its front seven but has rebuilding work to do in the secondary.

If recent Southland races are any indication, the Demon depth in the backfield—the entire three-deep of last year's final game returns—and the strength on the line will overcome the experience at QB of the other contenders.

The schedule advantage belongs to **Stephen F. Austin**, which gets McNeese, Northwestern State and Sam Houston at home. It also has the intangible emotional advantage of coming up one game short last season for both a share of the league title or an at-large bid. Now it's up to Lumberjacks to convert that angst into a postseason bid.

Quarterback Michael Williams created fireworks in the spring, and coach Mike Santiago knows his backfield got a little deeper with the addition of transfer Derek Farmer. Farmer gives Williams a receiving threat from the backfield to augment Cliff Edwards (596 yards, 10 TDs) and Ron Middleton. A pair of Southland Freshman-of-the-Year winners, sophomore Chance Dennis (29 catches, 709 yards, 6 TDs) and junior Tony Tompkins (1,173 all-purpose yards), give Williams two of the league's top targets. Stephen F. Austin is potent on the other side of the ball with top tackler Jeremy Davis, a senior linebacker, and defensive back Braylon Lester.

Having the league's top returning quarterback, Scott Pendarvis (2,186 passing yards, 18 TDs), is the advantage for **McNeese State**. Losing almost every other skill player, including the Southland's Player of the Year, wide receiver B.J. Sams, and its Offensive Player of the Year, tailback Vick King, puts the pressure on Pendarvis to integrate talented newcomers into the McNeese offense. The senior quarterback was one of the most efficient in the nation (152.88 passing efficiency, fifth in I-AA) last year, but he has to break in a new receiver corps led by Andy Bertrand. Add depth to the Cowboys' troubles. Punter Jason Cook became the star of the spring game as Pendarvis' backup. Coach Tommy Tate counts on returning linemen John Paul Jones and Brian Smith to front a rebuilding defense.

It's said the best thing about freshmen is they become sophomores, and **Sam Houston State** coach Ron Randleman is hoping to see living proof of that this year. The Bearkats return almost their entire team—18 starters and 50 lettermen—from a 2-9 season. The experience boost is biggest on offense, where only one line starter is absent and the quarterback position will be boosted by the addition of two high-profile transfers, senior Dustin Long and sophomore Noah Allen. With more than 3,000 yards passing in two seasons at Texas A&M, Long is the most likely of the pair to challenge returning senior starter Travis Tobaden (1,350 yards, 9 TDs).

Linebacker Marcus Mikulec (102 tackles) and safety Paul Donelson lead eight returning starters on a defense that must tighten up, particularly in the second quarter.

Nicholls State is proud to point out that it played for a chance at a three-way-title tie last year. With the top rushing game in the pass-happy Southland (third in the nation), the Colonels need to plug a couple of spots in the offensive line to keep the ball moving with senior tailback Travis Felder (475 yards, 5 TDs) and fullback Colt Colletti (585, 12). Felder and Colletti won't be as effective if coach Darryl Daye can't find a new quarterback to replace Josh Son, who had more carries than the running back duo.

First-team all-conference Chris Crawford returns in the secondary and is one of the most exciting players in the league. The 5-10 junior averaged 32.3 yards per kickoff return to rank second in the nation. Daye's special teams are some of the most productive in the region. Senior punt returner David Plaisance was second in the Southland.

There's a new name, new coach and new outlook for the **Texas State** Bobcats of San Marcos.

Despite the clouds of NCAA investigation hanging overhead from the previous administration, ex-Bobcat letterman David Bailiff provides the ray of sunshine as the new coach. The former TCU defensive coordinator brings a balanced multiple offense to Texas State (formerly known as Southwest Texas State) that should create more opportunities for starting quarterback Barrick Nealy. Bailiff inherits an experienced secondary and returns the top tackler from last season, David Simmons. With 19 starters back, TSU is headed in the right direction, but the Bobcats are still a year away from returning to conference contention.

PREDICTIONS

1. **Northwestern State**
2. **Stephen F. Austin**
3. **McNeese State**
4. **Sam Houston State**
5. **Nicholls State**
6. **Texas State**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Scott Pendarvis**, QB, McNeese State
Defense: **Jamall Johnson**, LB, Northwestern State
Newcomer: **Dustin Long**, QB, Sam Houston State

GAMES TO WATCH

O.16 **McNeese State at Northwestern State**
N.13 **McNeese State at Stephen F. Austin**
N.20 **Northwestern State at Stephen F. Austin**

'Aggie Pride' on field should erase memories of tumultuous offseason

By Donald Corbett
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In 2003, whatever happened on the field in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference was overshadowed by one big topic of off-the-field conversation. Last July, the NCAA approved longtime conference member Florida A&M's application for Division I status, prompting a hasty exit from the MEAC's championship race and beginning FAMU's journey toward Division I-A college football.

FAMU was to start Division I play in 2004, but strange things happened on the way to the pearly gates. A contract with a television network, the anticipated revenue from which would be central to the jump, didn't pan out. Scheduling home games against D-I opponents proved problematic. And when it was determined that insufficient progress was being made toward some of the other necessary upgrades to complete the move, the FAMU Board of Trustees voted to delay the jump, and the Rattlers asked to be readmitted to the MEAC. Because of the transition back to I-AA from Division I, the Rattlers will not be eligible for the league championship this season.

Beneath the long shadow cast on the league by FAMU, coach George Small, in his first season at North Carolina A&T, took a team that wasn't expected to finish above the middle of the pack and steered it to the league championship. Bethune-Cookman joined the Aggies in the Division I-AA playoffs and, while both teams lost in the first round, they are among several squads who are legitimate contenders to earn spots in postseason play again this year.

The first season of "Small Ball" at **North Carolina A&T** (10-3 overall, 6-1 MEAC) was comprised of several components: a physical running game, timely passing, solid special teams and an opportunistic defense that was among the nation's leaders in turnover margin. This year, A&T will be led by a trio of running backs—Frank Patterson, Carl Scriven and Micheaux Hollingsworth. Each player had games of more than 100 yards rushing last season and all were big cogs in the team's success. Rico Watkins and Randall Rankins will battle for the quarterback job, but regardless of who throws the ball, wide receiver Doug Brown could be ready for a breakout season. Junius Coston, a second-team all-league pick in 2003, leads the offensive line.

At **Hampton** (7-4, 5-2), coach Joe Taylor returns three of the MEAC's top offensive performers, which makes the Pirates a threat to make the I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1998.

Running back Alonzo Coleman churned out more than 1,000 yards rushing and scored 18 touchdowns as a freshman. The league's Rookie of the Year also made first-team All-MEAC and is a Player-of-the-Year candidate in 2004. Center Jelani Clement will be one of the best at his position at any level of collegiate football.

The Hampton defense's streak of creating at least one turnover per game ended at 34 last year, but this group should again be a strong suit for the Pirates.

At the close of last year, no one in the league was playing better football than **South Carolina State** (8-4, 5-2), which capped its season by spanking league champion North Carolina A&T 49-9. A big reason for SCSU's success was wide receiver Tavarus Morgan, who traded one set of Bulldogs for another by transferring to Orangeburg from the University of Georgia. The first-team all-league performer led the MEAC in receiving, hauling in 70 passes, seven of which went for touchdowns. Coty Martin provided a nice ground complement to Morgan, running for nearly 900 yards and 10 scores.

Though all-everything QB Allen Suber is gone, **Bethune-Cookman** (9-3, 5-2) has a number of offensive starters back, including tailback Rodney Johnson, the team's leading returning rusher, and wide receiver Eric Weems, who made an impact as a true freshman and caught a game-winning TD pass against FAMU. Lawrence McCloud, who performed well when Suber went down with an injury, will get the first nod at quarterback. Defensively, B-CC lost Player-of-the-Year Steve Baggs, but may have another awards candidate in linebacker Jamal Muhammad.

The last two seasons have produced some heady times at **Morgan State** (6-5, 4-3). The Bears posted their second winning season in a row, the first time since 1970-71 Morgan has had back-to-back winning marks. With a raised expectation level, coach Donald Hill-Eley is hoping to keep the momentum going.

After sharing the job for the last two years, Bradshaw Littlejohn will have the quarterbacking duties all to himself this season. His top target will be 6-6 wide receiver Tommie Manus, who used his size and strength to become one of the league's best outside threats last season.

Hill-Eley's defense lost standout linebacker Albert Gamble, but returns another good one in Vincent Brown. Brown, a transfer from the University of Memphis, averaged nearly nine tackles per game in 2003.

When leading returning rusher Jay Colbert went down with a season-ending wrist injury before the year began, it looked like **Howard's** (4-7, 2-5) season might be over before it even started. Enter Antoine Rutherford.

The freshman running back, a transfer from Virginia Tech, stepped in and ran for more than 1,100 yards to lead the league in rushing. He will team with Colbert and Keon Coleman to give Howard a formidable ground game.

Delaware State (1-10, 1-6) is facing a transition after the administration chose to dismiss coach Ben Blacknall after six games last season. In January, longtime NFL and college assistant Al Lavan took over the helm in Dover, where he faces a sizable rebuilding job and a challenging schedule that includes non-conference I-AA powers Massachusetts and Southern Illinois.

One of Lavan's likely priorities will be figuring out a way to get receiver Thomas Bolden as many touches as possible. Bolden hauled in 40 passes and scored five times last year while earning second-team all-league status.

The good news for **Norfolk State** (1-11, 0-7) is that last season produced one of the top defensive performances by a player in I-AA history. Returning linebacker Kevin Talley set a I-AA record for tackles in a season, ending the year with 195. Talley had two games with more than 20 tackles and never had fewer than 11 in a game.

PREDICTIONS

1. **N.C. A&T**
2. **Hampton**
3. **S.C. State**
4. **Bethune-Cookman**
5. **Morgan State**
6. **Howard**
7. **Delaware State**
8. **Norfolk State**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Alonzo Coleman**, RB, Hampton
Defense: **Kevin Talley**, LB, Norfolk State
Newcomer: **Thyron Lewis**, WR, Howard

GAMES TO WATCH

S.18 **N.C. A&T at Wake Forest**
O.16 **Bethune-Cookman at S.C. State**
N.20 **S.C. State at N.C. A&T**

Mass coaching changes could mean power shift to East Division's experienced quarterbacking hands

By Lut Williams
Black College Sports Page

"A Return to Dominance" in the Southwestern Athletic Conference was the theme of the 2003 Southern University football media guide, and that's exactly what Pete Richardson's Jaguars accomplished.

With a machine-like offense averaging 40 points per game and a defense that gave up just 15 per contest, both league bests, Southern was a two-point loss to Alcorn State shy of a perfect 13-0 season and claimed its first SWAC title since winning three straight from 1997 to 1999.

To get back to their perch atop the conference, Richardson's troops had to beat three-time defending champion Grambling State, which succumbed to the Jags 44-41 in the traditional, season-ending Bayou Classic showdown for the West Division title. Southern then disposed of East Division winner Alabama State in the fifth SWAC Championship Game.

Departing coaches, not seniors, are the most glaring difference in this year's West Division forecast, as only Richardson remains from last year's lineup. After returning some of the luster to the Grambling name he helped create as a player, Doug Williams decided to leave as the Tigers' coach after six years and three SWAC titles, taking a front-office job with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team that drafted him out of Grambling.

Southern did lose the league's offensive MVP, fifth-year senior QB Quincy Richard, so in some way, all five West Division teams will be operating with new leadership.

That could signal a power shift to the East Division, which hasn't produced a SWAC champion in seven years. With veteran quarterbacks at the helm, Alabama State, Alcorn State and Alabama A&M should lead the charge.

EAST DIVISION

If not for Southern's magical season, the SWAC story of the year would have been the job interim coach Charles Coe III did in getting **Alabama State** (8-5 overall, 5-2 SWAC) an East Division title and a spot in the championship game after taking over in August. It will be interesting to see what he can do over a full season with the interim tag removed.

Chief among his returnees in the offensive backfield are SWAC rushing leader and Newcomer-of-the-Year Keldrick Williams (1,195 yards, 9 TDs) and Robert Randolph (593, 9), along with solid QBs Tarvaris Jackson (2,342 passing, 18 TDs) and Nick Fortson. Anthony Johnson's kicking (53 of 56 PATs, 13 of 15 FGs) is another weapon. First-team All-SWAC defenders Ronald Dillon (105 tackles, 7.5 sacks), a linebacker, and Timothy Parham, a lineman, lead the defense.

Coe's biggest task will be finding replacements for all four starters in the secondary and three from the offensive line.

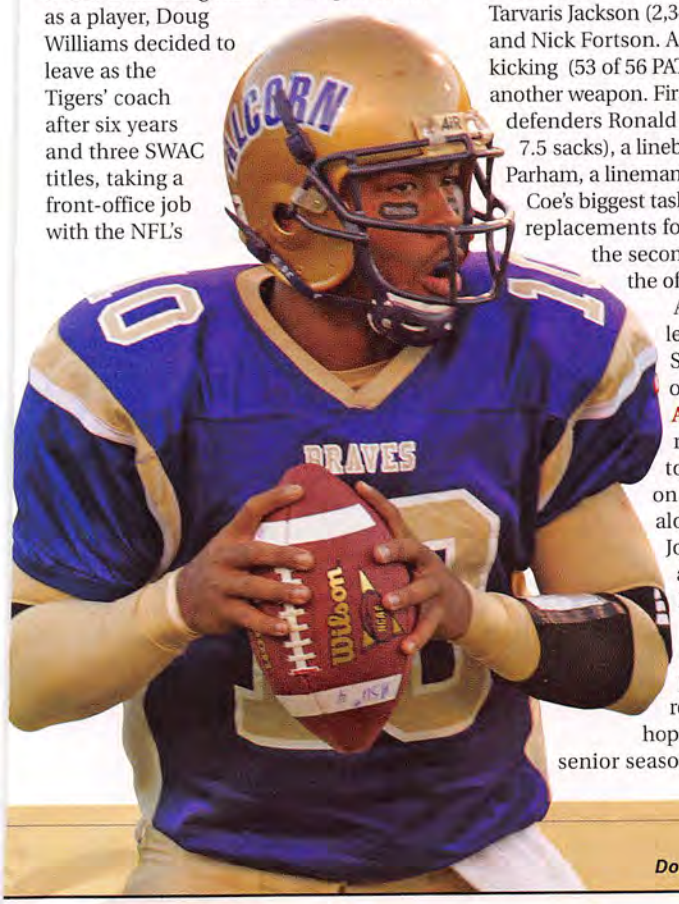
After handing eventual league champion Southern its only loss of the 2003 season, **Alcorn State** (7-5, 5-2) ran off four more wins to close out the year on a high note. That alone should make Johnny Thomas' squad a co-favorite in the East Division.

Four-year starter Donald Carrie (2,826 passing yards, 24 TDs) returns for what he hopes will be a crowning senior season, as he trails only the legendary Steve McNair on Alcorn's career passing list. He must cut down on his 18 interceptions and get help from a running game that lost its two top rushers. The biggest hurdles, however, are glaring holes on both the offensive and defensive lines. Lonnie Teagle, who averaged 117 return yards per game, is one of the most dangerous return men in the league.

The league's top-rated defense once again paved the way for **Alabama A&M** (8-4, 4-3) to make a run at division honors. Only a 20-15 loss to Alcorn State late in the season kept it from a repeat title. Coach Anthony Jones has to replace more than half of the starters from that unit, including both corners, but gets back sack leader Lieutenant Dukes and linebackers Henry Roberson and Johnny Baldwin.

Quarterback Johnny Keith will again lead an offense that will be missing the league-best 15 rushing TDs and 1,097 yards provided by departed running back Jeremiah Bonds. Speedy Lanier Bush steps into that vacuum. The offensive line lost all five starters, while the top three receivers and All-SWAC tight end Jacob Wilson are also gone.

Jackson State (2-10, 2-5) took a huge step backward in the first year of coach James Bell's tenure, going from championship contender to also-ran while losing its last seven games. The Tigers were hampered in their efforts to



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Donald Carrie, *QB, Alcorn State*

PREDICTIONS

EAST DIVISION

1. **Alabama State**
2. **Alcorn State**
3. **Alabama A&M**
4. **Jackson State**
5. **Mississippi Valley State**

WEST DIVISION

1. **Grambling State**
2. **Southern**
3. **Texas Southern**
4. **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**
5. **Prairie View A&M**

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Bruce Eugene**, QB, Grambling State
Defense: **Ronald Dillon**, LB, Alabama State
Newcomer: **Antoine Bagwell**, RB, Arkansas-Pine Bluff

GAMES TO WATCH

S.4 **Alcorn State at Grambling State**
S.25 **Alabama State at Alcorn State**
N.1 **Grambling State at Southern (at New Orleans)**

adjust to Bell's schemes by a rash of injuries. Offensive and defensive balance are the keys to improvement plans, particularly run defense and rush offense, where the Tigers were among the league's worst.

Returning rushing leader David Kennebrew (379 yards) will get help from Chris Jones, who topped the Tigers' receiving corps with 49 catches last year. The successor to record-setting QB Robert Kent will be chosen from two returnees led by Brian Green, and two jucos. Eight returning defensive starters should signal improvement on that side of the ball.

Injuries and youth played a part in the struggles at **Mississippi Valley State** (2-9, 1-6). Coach Willie Totten also did not get consistent play from an offense led by QBs Carey Weaver and Curtis Kemp.

With Weaver gone, the job is Kemp's to lose and he'll have a veteran offensive line to protect him. Marcus April will be the workhouse on the ground, while William Smith (29 receptions, 362 yards) is the chief threat through the air.

Defensively, first-team All-SWAC linebacker Jarette Prout is a standout and has equally tough mates in Clayton McDonald and Tyler Knight.

WEST DIVISION

Despite the loss of coach Doug Williams, **Grambling State** (9-3, 6-1) is the West Division team with the most continuity because of the return of record-setting quarterback Bruce Eugene and the elevation of offensive coordinator/assistant head coach Melvin Spears to interim head coach.

Entering his final season, Eugene looks to improve on an impressive resume that includes 8,200 passing yards and 79 touchdowns over the past two years. Spears wants more ground muscle out of an offense that led all of I-AA through the air (321.8 yards per game) and returns three of its top four receivers. Five returning starters on the O-line should make that goal reachable. Seniors Lennard Patton (defensive end), Kenneth Pettway (linebacker) and Michael Daigre (safety) anchor the defense, while senior Brian Morgan (12-of-21 FGs) will again handle the placekicking.

Getting new starter Thomas Ricks as acclimated as graduated Quincy Richard (3,427 passing yards, 33 TDs) was to the high-octane **Southern** (12-1, 6-1) offense of 2003 may take a while, but a veteran offensive line and 1,000-yard All-SWAC rusher Kenneth Peoples should hold things together in the interim. Dangerous all-conference receiver Alfred Ard

Bruce Eugene, *QB, Grambling*

(50 catches, 17.3 yards per catch, 11 TDs) will also aid in the transition.

Last season's SWAC Freshman of the Year, safety Jamaul George, is still recuperating from a knee injury suffered late last season, and missed spring practive. He'll have a new cast of mates in the defensive backfield. Up front, the Jags can go two-deep at each position. Tarus Morgan is a standout at linebacker, as is Perry Davis at defensive end.

The Tigers of **Texas Southern** (5-6, 3-4) may be the best of the West Division teams with new coaches coming from outside the conference. Former Howard coach Steve Wilson, who fielded several high-scoring teams during his 13 years with the Bison of the MEAC, takes over from Bill Thomas and has brought a staff with him that should feel right at home in the pass-happy SWAC.

Jacob Chavan returns from injury and will vie with Carlos Pierson for the QB spot in Wilson's pro-set offense. Demarcus Jenkins (6-3, 205 pounds) and Hank Edwards (6-2, 190) give the Tigers two big, capable receivers. Veterans on the offensive front are joined by experienced tight end Delfert Gunter, though the ranks at running back are thin. A quick, athletic defense needs more consistent play from end Fred Brock and strong safety Stacy Thomas, but will benefit from the return of defensive backs Kyle Dillon and Kedron Dunn and middle linebacker Marvin Lamont, who missed all of last season with injuries.

After head-coaching stints at North Carolina A&T (1982-87) and Norfolk State (1999-2002), Mo Forte is replacing Lee Hardman and trying to get more out of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (4-7, 3-4). Defensive end Maurice Troutman (7.5 sacks), kick returner Cedric Bowen (29.6 yards per return) and tight end Brian Jones (14 catches, 3 TDs) are All-SWAC returnees. Big things are expected from Randy Caldwell and Keith Scott in the defensive backfield.

Billy Moody (483 rushing yards, 2 TDs) is the returning rushing leader, but will be joined in the backfield by juco transfer Antoine Bagwell (Joliet JC) and highly recruited Marcus Hudson. Cary Washington led the receivers (31 receptions, 4 TDs). Incumbents Antonio Lovelady and John Pierce and newcomer Chris Wallace are expected to battle for the starting QB spot.

The combination of a new coach, former Bowie State head man Henry Frazier, a full complement of 63 I-AA scholarships for the first time in years and the prospect of a new, on-campus stadium should make for optimism at **Prairie View A&M** (1-9, 0-7). In five years, Frazier turned around a BSU program that had been in the doldrums, getting the Bulldogs to the CIAA Championship Game in his fourth season. Any semblance of that kind of success will be welcome at Prairie View, which has not had a winning season since 1976.

Schnellenberger way ahead of schedule at Florida Atlantic

By Mike Goens
Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily

Howard Schnellenberger is backing up the talk. Shortly after signing up as coach at Florida Atlantic University in 1998, he told writers that "we'll be competitive with the best teams in America in seven years. I honestly believe that."

He went on to reveal his long-range plan of joining Division I-A by 2003. "Two years after that, we can make it into one of the huge conferences with Southern connections," he said.

It was a campaign speech he used to raise more than $13 million to start and grow the Owls' football program.

Well, the Owls, who played their first game as a Division I-AA independent in September 2001, became the quickest start-up program to reach the division's playoffs and to beat a Division I-A school. They were 11-3 last season and ranked fourth in the country, making it to the I-AA semifinals.

Also keeping to his timeline, Schnellenberger announced in December that his program would be joining the Division I-A Sun Belt Conference.

Florida Atlantic could be good enough to compete with the big boys this year, as 21 of its starting 22 are back from an 11-win season.

"We are the most experienced team in the United States," Schnellenberger says. "When we started the program, we had 25 scholarship players who practiced but didn't play, and the next year we brought in 25 more who practiced and played. Those 50 kids have played all the games. We have 35 seniors on this team who have played 34 games, and all the great universities usually have 16-18 seniors."

Quarterback Jared Allen threw 161 passes without an interception last year and returns to be the offensive leader. He finished with 3,003 passing yards and 24 touchdowns, while completing 63 percent of his throws. More than a third of those receiving yards (1,134) were delivered by tight end Anthony Crissinger-Hill, who had 74 catches.

Defensive back Willie Hughley had five interceptions and linebacker Chris Laskowski 93 tackles, but defensive lineman Yrvens Guerrier was the team's defensive MVP.

If anyone among the nation's historically black colleges can make a future run at Division I status, it's coach Billy Joe's squad at **Florida A&M** (6-6).

FAMU was to begin Division I play this season, but a failed TV deal and a problem scheduling home games against D-I opponents led the school to delay the jump, and the Rattlers asked to be readmitted to its old home, the MEAC. Because of the transition back to I-AA from Division I, the Rattlers will not be eligible for the MEAC championship this season.

The Rattlers did not appear to have getaway speed on the flanks and were regularly outweighed along the defensive front last season. Some of those nagging question marks remain. One area that Joe will not have to worry about is quarterback, where transfer Ben Dougherty threw for more than 2,500 yards and ran for 700 more last season.

College football fans in Hammond, La., likely don't remember football being so exciting. When their local university, **Southeastern Louisiana**, last fielded a football team in 1985, the game was much slower-paced. But coach Hal Mumme changed all that last season during the program's rebirth.

The Lions, who return 20 starters, threw more than 600 passes and piled up 3,650 yards through the air as the upstart program posted a 5-7 record. Don't expect the style of play to change. Quarterback Martin Hankins led Division I-AA as a freshman by throwing for 3,537 yards and 30 touchdowns.

"We're not going to change," says Mumme, the former Kentucky coach. "That's what we do; that's why they hired us."

The football program is only two years old, but **Florida International** already has its eyes on bigger things—Division I.

The Golden Panthers begin the transition from Division I-AA into the Sun Belt Conference this fall, a move that has received the endorsement of coach Don Strock, the longtime Miami Dolphins quarterback. The transition will be complete by 2006.

But first things first. Strock must find a way to improve on a 2-10 season, which came against one of the toughest schedules in the I-AA ranks. The Panthers were outscored by an average of only 5.9 points per game, though. The good news is Strock will have the starting 11 on both sides of the ball back.

The transition from Division II has been smooth at **Northern Colorado**. The Bears, who won back-to-back D2 national championships in 1996 and 1997, moved into the elite group of I-AA last year, finishing 19th in the final polls. Only five offensive and six defensive starters are back from a 9-2 squad. Vincent Jackson, at 6-foot-6, is a prime target and one of the country's best wideouts. He set school records last year by grabbing 66 passes for 1,462 yards and scoring 21 times.

Coach Rich Ellerson sees his **Cal Poly** program maturing. He enters his fourth season with a sense of anticipation following the Mustangs' 7-4 season, the school's best record in six years. Ellerson likes the competitiveness and skill level of his current team. The key to further success could rest at the quarterback position, which will see a relatively inexperienced player regardless of who wins the battle.

Defensively, one of the nation's top linebackers will be Jordan Beck, who recorded 128 tackles as a junior.

Wes Meier inherits a program on the rise at **Southern Utah**. He was the associate head coach under Gary Andersen last year and now takes over as the head man following a 4-7 season for the Thunderbirds. There are opportunities for improvement this season, especially if the defense is as stout as many expect. Senior linebacker Nick DiPadova is an All-America candidate following a 133-tackle season. The starting 11 return on offense.

The interim title has been removed for coach Richard Basil at **Savannah State**, and a renewed enthusiasm is already evident. He took over at midseason last year and his Tigers, despite being unable to win in the 12-game season, showed marked improvement. Quarterback Clyde Tullis is back to lead the offense after throwing for 1,429 yards as a sophomore.

North Dakota State, a one-time kingpin in Division II, is moving up to I-AA with an idea to compete immediately. The team will revolve around quarterback Tony Stauss, who was a starter at Northwestern of the Big Ten before transferring to the Bison. Stauss passed for 2,134 yards and 15 TDs as a junior.

The 106th season at **South Dakota State** will bring significant change as it will join North Dakota State in the leap to I-AA and ultimately into the upstart Great West Conference. Coach John Stiegelmeier will have his hands full trying to replace 13 seniors from a 7-4 squad that finished the season with five straight wins.

—Donald Corbett contributed to this story

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: **Jared Allen**, QB, Florida Atlantic
Defense: **Jordan Beck**, LB, Cal Poly
Newcomer: **Rickey Bethel**, DB, Florida Atlantic

GAMES TO WATCH

S.18 **Idaho State at Northern Colorado**
O.11 **Southeastern Louisiana at Northwestern State**
N.6 **Florida Atlantic at Troy State**

Division 2

Even with coach Kelly gone to the MAC, expect a powerful Grand Valley attack

By Gregg DeWalt
Decatur (Ala.) Daily

Grand Valley State's on-field celebration following a 10-3 win over North Dakota had barely concluded when coach Brian Kelly was asked the obvious question: Can the Lakers make it three in a row?

Kelly didn't say yes. He didn't say no, either. After all, in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season at Grand Valley, the Lakers were nearly perfect, capping a 14-1 season with a stirring, seven-point win against the Fighting Sioux in a rematch of the 2001 title game at Braly Stadium in Florence, Ala.

The question of whether Grand Valley can make a little history this season is still unanswered. One thing is certain, however: If the Lakers can tie the University of North Alabama's record of three straight championships, it will be without Kelly. A popular and energetic coach, Kelly parlayed his success at Grand Valley into the head-coaching position at I-A Central Michigan of the Mid-American Conference.

Cullen Finnerty, *QB, Grand Valley State*

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Now, the burden of fulfilling some lofty expectations left by Kelly falls on the team's former defensive coordinator, Chuck Martin, who opted to take over the program instead of following his boss to a new job.

Martin seems just as exuberant and energetic as his predecessor. He's also eager to tackle the challenge of attempting to take the Lakers to an unprecedented fourth consecutive championship game and tie UNA's record of three consecutive titles.

"There's no new roadmap," Martin says. "We're going to keep everything as similar as possible. We've got a good nucleus of players coming back. We're going to try and fight and scratch our way back to Alabama."

Although expectations were high following the 2002 championship, the Lakers lost most of their key offensive players. Martin recalls that the GVSU coaching staff had hoped just to make it to the playoffs to get younger players some postseason experience.

What transpired surprised everybody. The team's only loss was to Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular-season champ Saginaw Valley. Once they got into the playoffs, the Lakers cruised to the title.

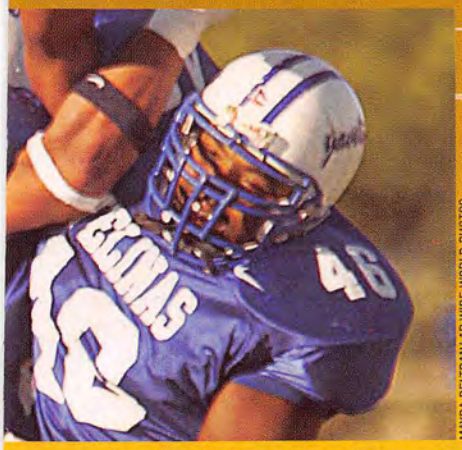
"Until three years ago, we had never won a playoff game at Grand Valley," Martin says. "Once we got over that hump, our kids started believing they could do it. Once they got into the playoffs last year, they believed they could win it."

Martin must replace three linebackers and strong safety Scott Mackey on defense, and two receivers, a tackle and a guard on offense. But with talented quarterback Cullen Finnerty back to lead the way, Grand Valley should be in position for another national championship.

TOP 25

There's little reason to think that **North Dakota** (12-2) can't make it back to the championship game for the third time in four years. Like Grand Valley State, graduation losses were minimal on defense (three) and coach Dale Lennon has plenty of talented players ready to step in on offense to replace six seniors, including three linemen and two receivers.

The backfield returns intact, with quarterback John Bowenkamp returning for his senior season along with fullback Davis Wisthoff and tailback Adam Roland.



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Deaundre Filmore, *LB, Texas A&M-Kingsville*

GAMES TO WATCH

Central Oklahoma vs. Mesa State	Aug. 28
North Alabama at Delta State	Sept. 18
Tusculum vs. Carson-Newman	Oct. 16
North Dakota vs. Nebraska-Omaha	Oct. 30
Pittsburg State vs. NW Missouri State *(at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium)*	Nov. 6

North Alabama (13-1), the team that holds the existing record of three straight championships, could easily spoil Grand Valley's return trip to Florence. After a downturn in the program after former coach Bobby Wallace left to take over the Temple program in 1997, the Lions have quickly reestablished themselves as the team to beat in the Gulf South Conference.

Sparked by the play of Harlon Hill Trophy winner Will Hall, UNA breezed to the GSC title and reached the national semifinals before losing 29-22 at North Dakota.

But third-year coach Mark Hudspeth must find a replacement for Hall, who set nearly every offensive record at the school.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (11-2), another semifinalist in 2003, should once again be the cream of a very good Lone Star Conference crop. The Javelinas won their 25th LSC title before Grand Valley administered a 31-3 pounding in the NCAA semifinals. Leading rusher Larry Williams is gone, but QB Daniel Taylor (23 TD passes, 2,492 passing yards) returns along with receivers Errick Lewis and Maurice Washington, who combined to catch 84 passes for 1,155 yards.

Saginaw Valley State (12-1) claimed the GLIAC championship with an unbeaten record, but Grand Valley got its revenge with a playoff win over the Cardinals. John DiGiorgio led a stingy defense with 138 tackles, while QB Mark Radlinski had a superb season with 3,428 passing yards and 32 touchdown passes.

Carson-Newman (11-2) continues to flirt with its first Division II crown, and the Eagles should again be the best team in a competitive South Atlantic Conference. Ken Sparks begins his 25th season at the helm of the Eagles looking to replace eight starters, including the entire defensive line. The Eagles will build their offense around quarterback Shane Kelley, who accounted for 23 touchdowns in 2003, and running backs J.J. Chatmon and Ray Hightower, who combined for 1,565 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Tailback Jarrod Manoy returns for his senior season at **Central Oklahoma** (9-3) after rushing for 1,250 yards and 15 touchdowns despite missing a game and parts of two others because of injuries. Second-year coach Chuck Langston must replace QB Erick Johnson and seven other starters if the Bronchos are to make another playoff appearance.

Pittsburg State (9-2) claimed a share of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship and should be in the mix again with QB Neal Philpott and running back Germaine Race returning to the backfield. Philpott rushed for 1,144 yards and 15 touchdowns while Race enjoyed a 982-yard, 17-touchdown freshman season.

Valdosta State (10-1) saw its dominance in the GSC come to a close, and then got bounced in the first round of the playoffs by Carson-Newman. Barrett Wilkes returns for his second season at quarterback after throwing for 3,269 yards and 26 TDs.

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. Grand Valley State
2. North Dakota
3. North Alabama
4. Texas A&M-Kingsville
5. Saginaw Valley State
6. Carson-Newman
7. Central Oklahoma
8. Pittsburg State
9. Valdosta State
10. Bentley
11. Emporia State
12. Shippensburg
13. Edinboro
14. Mesa State
15. Tarleton State
16. Indiana (Pa.)
17. Central Missouri State
18. Nebraska-Omaha
19. Tusculum
20. Chadron State
21. Southern Arkansas
22. Northwest Missouri State
23. Winona State
24. Southeastern Oklahoma
25. Catawba

Bentley (10-1) features one of the top pass-catch duos nationally in QB Marc Eddy and wideout Dallas Mall. Eddy threw for 3,051 yards and 36 touchdowns in 2003 to bring his career TD total to 90. Mall caught 79 passes for 989 yards and 19 TDs.

Emporia State (9-3) was one of five teams to claim a share of the Mid-America title, but the Hornets are looking to replace running back Tyler Paul, who rushed for 1,730 yards and 16 touchdowns.

With 19 returning starters, including 11 on defense, **Shippensburg** (8-3) has the ingredients in place to make a deep run in the playoffs. Senior fullback John Kuhn is coming off a 1,500-yard, 21-touchdown campaign and holds most of the school's rushing and scoring records. On defense, Brent Grimes returns after recording seven interceptions and a 32.3-yard average on kickoff returns.

Edinboro (9-3) had its playoff run cut short by Saginaw Valley in the first round, but will be competitive again as Justin Bouch (2,044 passing yards, 15 TD passes) and running back Brandon Munson (895 rushing yards) return to the backfield.

Mesa State (10-2) lost only twice, with both defeats coming against powerful Central Oklahoma. Linebacker B.J. Russell is back to lead what was the nation's third-best rushing defense in 2003. Russell is coming off a year in which he recorded 129 tackles (11 for losses) and four fumble recoveries. Charles Dukes (984 yards, 12 TDs) will do most of his running behind All-America lineman Brian Trautman.

Tarleton State (8-4) is another tough team from the Lone Star Conference. Wide receiver Jeremy Madkins (59 catches, 952 yards, 7 TDs) is an emerging star following a sensational freshman season.

Seven Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference teams finished with at least seven wins, including perennial power **Indiana (Pa.)**, which went 10-1 but somehow missed the playoffs. Coach Frank Cignetti will rebuild the offensive line behind 335-pound Shea Shannon and 330-pound Jason Capizzi. That should make it easy for running back Mike Jemison to eclipse last year's 1,311-yard rushing output.

As long as running back Kegan Coleman (1,215 yards, 16 TDs) is on the field, **Central Missouri State** is a threat to make the playoffs. The Mules (9-2) shared the Mid-America crown with four other teams and should be in the mix again.

Nebraska-Omaha (8-3) must replace Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Justin Kammrad, the nation's leading rusher with 1,866 yards, and receiver Ryan Krause (67 catches, 1,066 yards, 11 TDs), but the offense should be dangerous as QB Brian Masek returns after breaking the school's total yardage record with 2,645 yards. Twins Taiwo and Kenny Onatolu combined for 193 tackles and 10 interceptions.

Tusculum (9-2) tied Carson-Newman and Catawba for the SAC title, but loses All-America defensive back Richard Colclough, who had 11 interceptions. Carson Bradley threw for 3,599 yards and 26 TD passes.

Chadron State (8-2) has won at least eight games in nine of the past 10 seasons and the Eagles should battle Mesa State for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title. Casey Haldeman and Derek Hamilton anchor a talented defensive line, while quarterback Shawn Eisenreich is coming off a 23-touchdown, 2,715-yard campaign.

Southern Arkansas (9-3) coach Steve Quinn faces some rebuilding with the loss of All-America wide receiver Nik Lewis and cornerback Jordan Babineaux, but there is depth at quarterback as Jabari Woods and Damian Melancon, who split time last year, return along with running backs Brandon Nightingale and Torrance Jones.

Northwest Missouri State (8-3) finished in a five-way tie for first place in the Mid-America, the team's seventh league crown in eight years. All-America candidate Jamaica Rector is a top threat at receiver (63 catches, 971 yards, 8 TDs) and as a kick returner. Quarterback Josh Lamberson threw for 1,842 yards and 13 TDs while making six starts.

Winona State (11-2) reached 11 wins and won a postseason game for the first time in school history, but coach Tom Sawyer's club was hit hard by graduation. Among the eight returning starters are QB Brian Wrobel, who threw 25 TD passes, and wide receivers Chris Samp and Brian Hynes, who combined for 27 scores.

Southeastern Oklahoma (7-3) is poised for a breakthrough season after finishing second in the tough Lone Star Conference's North Division the past two seasons. Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Drew Beard threw for 23 touchdowns and rushed for eight more as the Savages led the LSC in scoring with 35 points per game. Tackle Reggie Johnson leads a stingy rush defense.

Catawba (9-2) shared the SAC crown with Carson-Newman and Tusculum, but was left out of the playoff mix for the first time in five years. That snub should provide plenty of incentive for QB Luke Samples, the conference's Offensive Player of the Year (2785 yards, 21 TDs), and wide receiver Corey Ready, who caught 70 passes for 1,049 yards and eight scores.

BEST OF THE REST

Missouri Western (9-3) is coming off the best season in school history, tying for the Mid-America title with four other schools. The Griffons lose eight starters from the conference's third-best defense, but do have most of their offensive weapons returning.

Winston-Salem State (7-3) led the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association in scoring with 32 points per game and returns QB Josh McGee and its top three running backs in Pedie Byrd, Martin Hicks and Ted Bines.

Minnesota-Duluth (8-3) is 35-11 the past four years, but may find things a little tougher this year as the Bulldogs join the North Central Conference. Four-year starter Dave Rulfledt rushed for 1,218 yards and tied for the Division II scoring lead, averaging 12 points per game. Defensive end Russ Rabe was third in the nation with 1.4 sacks per game.

Fayetteville State (8-3) will try to claim a second consecutive CIAA title, but coach Kenny Phillips must find replacements for 11 starters. Cornerback Walt Williams is the defensive leader, coming off a season in which he intercepted nine passes.

Southern Connecticut (9-2) won nine games for only the third time in school history. Giancarlo Gallo anchors a line that helped the offense score a school-record 375 points.

C.W. Post (9-2) should again be potent on offense as quarterback Rob Blount returns along with running backs Russell Jeremy and Daniel McRae.

East Stroudsburg (8-3) has a dynamite offensive duo in QB Jimmy Terwilliger, who amassed a D2 freshman record of 3,342 yards, and fullback Anthony Carfagno, who scored 14 touchdowns.

Jim Shiffer takes over at **Mansfield** (8-3), which returns 18 starters including Earnest "Poohbear" McNeal, who rushed for a school-record 1,684 yards and 17 TDs as a freshman.

Kutztown (6-5) will be strong offensively with eight returning starters, including wide receiver Trevor Smith, who led the PSAC with 60 receptions for 843 yards and seven TDs.

Ferris State (6-5) is among the GLIAC teams chasing Grand Valley. The Bulldogs should be solid on defense with

the return of tackle Whitney Bell, who had seven sacks, and outside linebacker Kevin Myers, who recorded a conference-high 141 tackles.

Indianapolis (5-5) will rely on the strong arm of senior Matt Kohn, who threw for 3,314 yards and 21 touchdowns. Included was a 645-yard effort against Michigan Tech.

Chad Mosher had 70 solo tackles and is the top returning defensive player for **Northwood** (6-4).

Nebraska-Kearney (5-5) lost four games by eight points or less, but the Lopers have two offensive stars returning in running back Mike Miller (1,137 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Richie Ross (75 catches, 1,482 yards, 11 TDs).

After a few down years, **Delta State** (8-2) moved back among the elite in the GSC. With QB Scott Eyster (3,428 yards, 29 TD passes) returning for his sophomore season, the Statesmen should challenge North Alabama and Valdosta State for conference supremacy.

Arkansas-Monticello (4-7) won only four games but had the GSC's most prolific offensive player in QB Cory Allred, who set a record for total offense with 4,267 yards.

Arkansas Tech (5-6) linebackers Brett Hobbs, Cedric Cursh and Cedric Flemons combined for 257 tackles in 2003 and should keep the Wonderboys in the mix for a GSC championship.

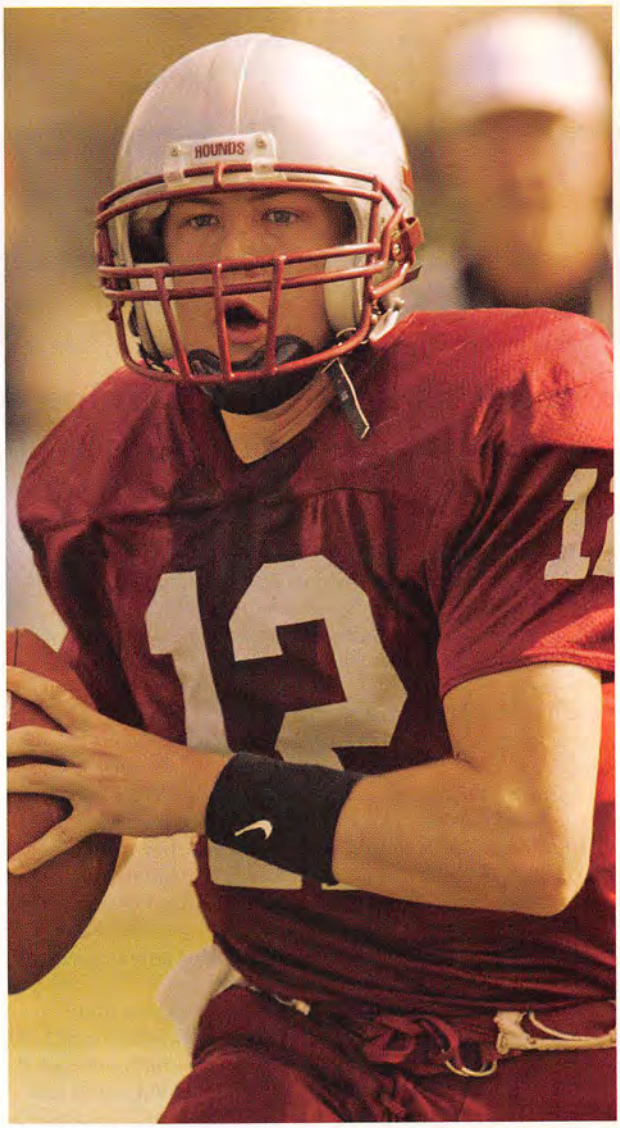
West Alabama (2-9) expected better in 2003 and will look to rebuild as Sam McCorkle begins his second tour of duty as coach of the Tigers. Defensive lineman Ben Neal was one of the bright spots, leading the Tigers with 17.5 tackles for loss.

Western Washington (4-6) won its fourth Great Northern Athletic Conference title in five years and will be favored to make it five of six. But coach Rob Smith must replace seven defensive starters.

With 21 returning starters, **Glenville State** (5-6) could find itself in the NCAA playoff hunt. Quarterback Joey Conrad (3,223 yards, 28 TDs) has a favorite target in wide receiver Antonio Carter, who caught 811 passes for 1,168 yards and 13 TDs in 10 games.

Fairmont State (4-6) will try to get over the .500 mark behind the play of sophomore running backs Wendell Johnson and Jo Jo Parker, who combined for 1,051 yards and eight TDs.

Shepherd's (4-6) Alex Herbert finished nine yards short of the 1,000-yard rushing mark last season despite splitting time in the backfield, but will get another crack at it in his senior season.



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Matt Kohn, *QB, Indianapolis*

2004 DIVISION 2 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class	School
QB	Drew Beard	Sr.	SE Oklahoma
RB	Michael Tennessee	Sr.	Grand Valley State
RB	Earnest McNeal	So.	Mansfield
OL	Reggie Perkins	Sr.	Carson-Newman
OL	Joe Berger	Sr.	Michigan Tech
OL	Brian Trautman	Sr.	Mesa State
OL	Todd Herremans	Sr.	Saginaw Valley State
OL	Nathan Baker	Sr.	Pittsburg State
TE	Leonard Weaver	Sr.	Carson-Newman
WR	Antonio Carter	Sr.	Glenville State
WR	Dallas Mall	Sr.	Bentley
WR	Ellis DeBrow	Jr.	Delta State
PK	Travis Snyder	Sr.	Western State

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class	School
DL	Keyonta Marshall	Sr.	Grand Valley State
DL	Russ Rabbe	Sr.	Minnesota-Duluth
DL	Casey Haldeman	Sr.	Chadron State
DL	Reggie Johnson	Sr.	SE Oklahoma
LB	Digger Anderson	Jr.	North Dakota
LB	Josh Mott	Sr.	Hillsdale
LB	Kevin Myers	Sr.	Ferris State
LB	John DiGiorgio	Jr.	Saginaw Valley State
DB	Raji El-Amin	So.	Edinboro
DB	Shawn Woodard	Jr.	Shaw
DB	Walt Williams	Jr.	Fayetteville State
DB	Evan Oglesby	Sr.	North Alabama
P	Chris Miller	Sr.	Texas A&M-Commerce

Division 3

Don't look now, Mount Union, but parity could soon be coming to D3 title chase

By Mike Goens
Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily

Winning has become increasingly difficult in NCAA's Division III. An emphasis on football has been generated nationwide in recent years as 65 teams have qualified for the playoffs since the field was expanded to 28 teams five years ago. Twelve teams that made the 2003 playoff field didn't appear in 2002.

Even though the level of competition has soared in recent years, one constant remains: Mount Union continues to set the standard for success in Division III and college football.

The Purple Raiders had their run of consecutive national championships interrupted last year when they were overpowered by St. John's, a program that has formed quite a tradition itself in Collegeville, Minn., under legendary coach John Gagliardi.

But the Johnnies' 2003 championship does not necessarily alter the landscape in Division III.

"Nothing we've done (by winning the championship) diminishes what Mount Union has accomplished the past few years," Gagliardi says. "They are still where we all want to get."

Mount Union has won seven national titles since 1993 and 109 of its last 111 games.

"Mount Union has raised the standard of play and coaching at this level," says Brockport State coach Rocco Salomone. "Whenever this happens in any field, it is a positive and gives everyone a goal to make your program better."

Purple Raider coach Larry Kehres says he doesn't have a magic formula. He tracks success back to players and consistency.

"We've had a lot of good players who happen to be good men interested in becoming good football players," he says. "There's no substitute for that. They approach work—even if they're waiting their turn—from a viewpoint of being ready when they are called on.

"We've also had consistency day in and day out in this program. The coaching staff has stayed together so we're comfortable enough with the schemes that we can make adjustments to personnel each year without a major overhaul."

Kehres, who begins his 19th season, agrees that winning has become more difficult, starting from within his own Ohio Athletic Conference. Four OAC schools have participated in the playoffs since 2000.

However, teams like Bridgewater (Va.), Brockport, Trinity (Texas), Linfield and Hardin-Simmons have come from nowhere to become consistent contenders on the national level.

Kehres says expanding the playoffs five years ago raised the bar in many conferences. The number of teams in the postseason will again be expanded in 2005, from 28 to 32.

"The automatic qualifier, where you're in if you win your conference, has given a boost to a lot of conferences that had never had a member in the playoffs," Kehres says. "Division III has never been better."

TOP 25

Mount Union has suffered some big losses, including both starting receivers and four of its five starting offensive linemen. The Purple Raiders, however, will again be the team to beat because of the consistency Kehres speaks of.

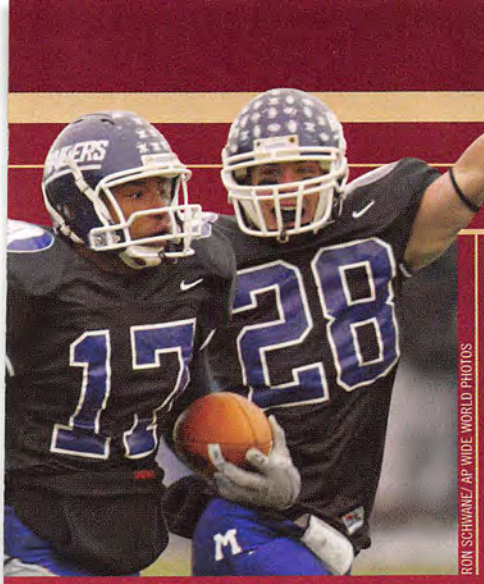
"We alternate a lot of positions regardless of how things are going in a game," he says. "We're excited about the talent level, and they have gotten some experience along the way. Now we'll see how they react when they're called on to be the leaders."

The Raiders will be stout on defense despite losing five starters. Shaun Spisak (127 hits) and Anthony Frate (17 tackles for loss) provide Division III's best linebacker tandem. Even though two defensive linemen graduated, five others saw extensive playing time last year, including end Johnny Josef. Cornerback Ross Watson is the ringleader in the secondary.

Mount Union's offense was unstoppable at times last year, racking up 47 points and 523 yards per game. The leadership role will be turned over to quarterback Zac Bruney, who led the nation in passing efficiency despite sharing playing time. He passed for 2,439 yards and 28 touchdowns and was the team's fourth-leading rusher. Backs Rick Ciccone and Jeff Strauch combined for 1,322 rushing yards. The lone returning starter on the line is center Rick Prescott.

Wisconsin-La Crosse won two national titles in the 1990s and could be a serious challenger this year with the return of eight offensive and seven defensive starters from a 10-2 squad. The Eagles have won 525 games during their 91-year history.

They should be able to score a lot of points this season with the entire offensive line back along with quarterback Steve Tennies (2,522 passing yards, 20 TDs) and receiver Scott Burnoski (76 catches, 1,100 yards) returning as big-play threats. Tackle Andrew McGlenn leads a talented line. The key on offense is finding a new starter at running back. The defense will turn to linebackers Dustin Powell and



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Ken Whitfield (17) and Anthony Frate, *Mount Union*

GAMES TO WATCH

Trinity (Texas) at DePauw	Sept. 25
Wisconsin-La Crosse at Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Oct. 2
Linfield at Pacific Lutheran	Oct. 2
Simpson at Wartburg	Oct. 2
Mount Union at Capital	Oct. 2
Hampden-Sydney at Bridgewater (Va.)	Oct. 2
Bethel at St. John's (Minn.)	Oct. 9
Wittenberg at Wooster	Nov. 6
Rowan at Montclair State	Nov. 13

Adam Schneider and safeties Kenneth Halvorson and Jacob Burch for leadership.

Gagliardi, who has won more games than any college football coach, added another superlative to the mantle last year to go with his 414 victories. It was his fourth national title but the first since 1976. Despite the loss of 11 starters, including seven on defense, **St. John's** is expected to contend for another.

The first project is finding a new starter at quarterback, but there are big-play performers back on offense in receiver Lee Clintsman and running back Jake Theis. There are several defensive weapons, particularly defensive end Jamie Steffensmeier (121 tackles, five sacks). Linebacker Paul Gans had 102 tackles and six interceptions last year.

Rowan took a rare season off from the playoffs last year after losing a one-point decision in its conference title game. But the Profs have nine starters back on both sides of the ball from a 7-3 team.

Improving efficiency in the red zone will be the key. That responsibility will fall on quarterback Mike Orihel, who was the New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Year after passing for 1,648 yards and 12 touchdowns. Other key returnees on offense are running back Pat Thompson, center Mike Coghan and lineman Mike Nemeth. On defense, the key players will be end Brian Bond and cornerback Kelvin Bellamy.

Linfield continues to be a force from the West. The Wildcats, from McMinnville, Ore., were 11-1 last year and return eight starters on offense and defense. They are looking for their 49th straight winning season.

The key will be who wins the QB job, which has developed into a three-way battle among Blake Kluse, Tim Benzel and Brett Elliott, a University of Utah transfer and former starter for the Utes. There are many weapons on offense, including receiver George Carter (70 catches, 1,117 yards). Running back Thomas Ford rushed for 1,152 yards, and there are four starters back on the line, led by Dwight Donaldson and Drew Kehoe. On defense, end Kelley Bertrand and cornerback Eric Hillison are strong. Punter James Wilson is also a difference-maker.

Hardin-Simmons could be the best offering from an improving and highly competitive league in Texas, the American Southwest Conference. The Cowboys were turned away from the playoffs last year by a complicated tiebreaker formula. However, they have nine offensive and eight defensive starters back from an 8-2 team.

Quarterback Jordan Neal completed 70 percent of his passes last season while throwing for 2,333 yards and 16 TDs. His chief targets this year could be redshirt Andre Washington and tight end Matt Moskosky. Three all-conference linemen also return. The defensive backfield will be much improved with transfers Brannon Ross from East Texas Baptist and Will Galusha from Rice. They will complement All-America candidate Alex Hansen.

PRESEASON *TOP 25*

1. Mount Union
2. Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. St. John's (Minn.)
4. Rowan
5. Linfield
6. Hardin-Simmons
7. Wittenberg
8. Bridgewater (Va.)
9. Brockport State
10. Wartburg
11. Montclair State
12. Trinity (Texas)
13. Hampden-Sydney
14. Washington & Jefferson
15. Lycoming
16. Springfield (Mass.)
17. Baldwin-Wallace
18. RPI
19. Wisconsin-Stevens Point
20. Wilkes
21. Ithaca
22. Pacific Lutheran
23. Washington University (St. Louis)
24. Curry
25. Waynesburg

Miguel Oquendo, a transfer from I-AA Sam Houston State, will help up front on defense. Linebacker Brent Gailey made 12.5 tackles for loss last year.

The division's all-time winningest team is **Wittenberg**, with 635 victories, and that total will likely increase significantly this season with 46 letter-winners, including 17 starters, back from an 8-2 squad that had its run of six straight playoff appearances snapped last year.

The Tigers return their top receiver, best three rushers, the starting quarterback and three linemen to the offense. Wideout Jered Glover is the go-to guy for quarterback Ryan Holmes. Raymar Hampshire is the top runner and Brad Kassner is a force up front. On defense, replacing two linebackers will be the key. Tackles Jarrett Brown and Clinton Tiggs are strong against the rush.

Bridgewater (Va.) has won at least 10 games in four consecutive seasons and has many of its top guns back. The Eagles will dominate the Old Dominion Athletic Conference again if they fill holes at linebacker and along the offensive line.

Quarterback Brandon Wakefield accounted for 33 touchdowns last year, including eight rushing scores. He passed for more than 2,300 yards and ran for 339 more. Tailback Marcus Washington (872 yards) also returns along with top lineman Ranardo Whitaker. Tight end Devin Thornton had 23 catches, and experience also returns at receiver. On defense, the Eagles are extremely deep across the line, where they'll be led by tackle Lawrence Frierson and end Rowdy Hoover.

Brockport State has made four straight playoff appearances and returns 16 starters, eight on each side of the ball. Only four other teams in the country have appeared in the last four playoffs.

Defensively, end Steve Fleming is a dominating player. He had seven sacks and 12 tackles for loss a year ago. Cornerback Troy Anderson is another big-time performer. The offense is built around quarterback Bob Darnley, who completed 60 percent of his passes last year and had 21 touchdowns. He needs 994 yards to become the program's all-time passing leader.

Graduation losses were heavy at **Wartburg**, but there are several key performers back from a team that posted 11 victories. In all, 23 seniors have graduated, but expectations remain high as the Knights gun for a third straight Iowa Conference championship.

On offense, three big-time players are back in quarterback Reed Hoskins, receiver Chris Winter and lineman Andy Heitman. Hoskins posted single-season records for completions (182), passing yards (2,685) and single-game passing (371 yards). Winter grabbed 59 passes for 976 yards and 11 TDs a year ago. Defensive backs Brian McIntire and Jake Burns are the leaders on defense along with linebacker Alex Pollock.

Only three seniors graduated at **Montclair State**, where expectations are high again following a 9-2 season and a perfect conference mark. The offense should be balanced with the return of quarterback John DiGirolamo, who passed for 1,822 yards and 21 TDs, and Eugene Vick, who rushed for 1,270 yards. Jasper Hankins is the top pass-catching threat. The defense revolves around linebacker John Lennox and defensive back Shaun Murray.

Virtually the entire offense is back at **Trinity** (Texas), which went 8-3 last season and advanced to the playoffs for the seventh straight year. Offensive linemen Ben Prater and Tommy Ford are forces up front, which is good news for quarterback Dan DesPlaines, receiver Robert Kelner and running back Ray Valencia. However, young players must step forward to fill seven holes on defense. Defensive lineman Aaron Einhaus and linebacker Wacey Clarke are talented. Placekicker Todd Canion is a weapon.

Hampden-Sydney has two big-time offensive weapons returning in running back C.W. Clemmons and quarterback J.D. Ricca. Clemmons rushed for 1,187 yards, had 376 receiving yards and scored 24 TDs a year ago. Ricca passed for 3,032 yards and 29 TDs while completing 61 percent of his passes. Ten defensive starters are back from a 9-1 squad, led by end James Riley, linebacker Daniel Park and safety Jeff Inman.

Washington & Jefferson, with 600 wins in school history, looks for its 18th postseason appearance and has seven offensive and six defensive starters back. The Presidents' defense will be among the nation's best, led by strong safety Frank Pilato and linebacker Eric Field. Pilato had 95 tackles, six interceptions, four forced fumbles and a blocked punt last year. Field had 118 tackles.

Lycoming always seems to be a contender when the playoffs roll around. The Warriors have won 13 straight Middle Atlantic Conference titles and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals last year. Only five starters are back on offense, but quarterback Phil Mann (2,473 passing yards) can hurt defenses running and throwing. On defense, linebacker Luke Sterling and defensive backs Brian Kaspick and Nick Pinto are leaders.

Teams will have their hands full trying to stop **Springfield's** offense. The Pride returns nine starters from a unit that averaged 42 points and led Division III with 399 rushing yards a game. The entire offensive line is back along with the top three rushers. Quarterback Ryan Sylvia set a D3 record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 20 as he ran for 1,122 yards. Fullback Tim Lutgens rushed for 1,307 yards. Brian Dewey is one of the nation's best offensive tackles. Linebacker Justin Fletcher leads the defense.

Baldwin-Wallace finished runner-up to Mount Union in the Ohio Athletic Conference and will be a playoff contender again if the defense can carry the load. Of the 31 returning lettermen, 18 are on defense. Linebackers Justin Princehorn and Joe George combined for 228 tackles, but the unit's strength is up front. The question mark is on offense, where an all-conference quarterback and running back must be replaced.

Defense will also have to carry **RPI** if the Engineers are to duplicate an 11-2 season. Eight starters are back on the unit, led by linemen Ramses Jimenez and Carl Harding, defensive back Grant Cochran and linebacker Sean Doran, who led the team in tackles. Running back Otis Williams will be a key player on offense.

Wisconsin-Stevens Point won its last five games in 2003 to finish 8-2 and has plenty of experience back. Seven starters

Mario Marin, *RB, Christopher Newport*

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return on offense after helping set a school record with 39 points per game. With a new quarterback, the Pointers must rely on a rushing attack led by Cory Flisakowski, who missed the last five games with injury last season, and lineman Cliff Ruland. Defensive lineman Clint Bakken is one of eight starters back on a defensive unit that was one of the best in the Midwest last year.

Brett Trichilo will be the go-to player for **Wilkes** as the Colonels try to improve on an 8-3 year. He ran the ball 332 times and finished with 2,175 yards and 27 TDs. Quarterback Duran Porrino is also back after taking over as a starter midway through the season. Seven starters are back on defense. The keys to that unit could be lineman Julian Morales and linebacker Jason Mitkowski.

Ithaca advanced to the national semifinals and has plenty of experience back, especially with seven starters returning on offense. If the offensive line can be rebuilt, the unit should score a lot of points with quarterback Josh Felicetti and receivers Jeff Welch and Justin Esposito on hand. Defensively, Bryan Steele is tough up front, and a bonus will be the return of linebacker Jose Colon, who was injured last year.

Pacific Lutheran won a national championship in 1999 and could be a sleeper as 15 starters are back. The offense has quality performers in quarterback Dusty Macauley (1,692 passing yards, 16 TDs), running back Ryan Simpson and lineman Mark Renne. On defense, linebacker Chris Linderman is solid.

Washington University of St. Louis finished only 6-4 last year but has eight starters back on offense and nine on defense. Wideout Brad Duesing topped 1,000 receiving yards for the second consecutive season. The defense has big-play potential from linebacker Rick Schmitz (111 tackles) and defensive back John Woock.

Curry of Milton, Mass., made its first playoff appearance last year and was 11-1 overall. Duplicating that mark won't be easy with the loss of five starters on defense. However, linebackers Brian Robitaille (16 tackles for loss, including eight sacks) and Malcolm Wynn will be leaders. Quarterback Kevin Holleran set school records last year as a freshman with 1,938 passing yards and 23 TDs.

Offensive fireworks can be expected at **Waynesburg** as the Yellow Jackets try to return to the playoffs. Ten starters return to the unit, with the big guns being quarterback Jeff Dumm, who has thrown for more than 2,000 yards each of the last two seasons, and receiver Paul D'Imperio, who had 53 catches for 810 yards a year ago. Ivan Hawkins added 55 catches. Three talented runners are in the backfield and guard Jim Hyland is solid up front. The key will be replacing five defensive starters.

BEST OF THE REST

The first three seasons of football at **Christopher Newport** have all ended in playoff appearances. The Captains will have their first senior class this season, which means a lot of experience returns from an 8-3 squad.

Johns Hopkins must replace some key losses on defense as it tries to produce back-to-back 10-win seasons. Defensive back Matt Campbell (eight interceptions) is outstanding. On offense, running back Adam Cook will try to top his 1,047 rushing yards last year, getting help from an offensive line that returns all five starters.

Capital, with seven starters back on offense and defense, will make a bid to challenge Mount Union's dominance in Ohio Athletic Conference play. Quarterback Rocky Pentello accounted for more than 3,000 yards last year and receiver Matt Friesner had 925 receiving yards.

Mary Hardin-Baylor will return to the playoffs if the quarterback position can deliver because running back Justin Bryson and receivers P.J. Williams and Austin Schrader are weapons.

With 16 starters back, **Hope** could be Michigan's top contender if a new quarterback and tailback perform consistently.

Simpson lost its quarterback from a 9-2 team, but has six starters back on offense and defense. The top returnees are receiver Dusty Kain (93 catches, 1,466 yards) and defensive back Kyle Westphal (10 interceptions).

Defense will be depended on to carry **Muhlenberg** back to the playoffs. Seven starters return to the unit, led by end Daniel McCall (10.5 sacks) and tackle Michael McCurley (four blocked kicks).

Concordia-Wisconsin was superior in the Illini-Badger league last season, and eight offensive and six defensive starters return, including Immanuel Mills (1,064 rushing yards) and Mike Litrenta (eight interceptions).

Wooster running back Tony Sutton (1,955 rushing yards, 30 TDs) will keep his team competitive in every game. In all, the Scots have 16 starters plus both kickers back.

Monmouth won its last seven games a year ago and has 14 starters back, including quarterback Rob Purlee, one of the top offensive players in the Northeast.

2004 DIVISION 3 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Size	Class	School
WR	Dusty Kain	5-10, 160	Jr.	Simpson
WR	Brad Musso	6-0, 200	Sr.	Wheaton
WR	Eric White	6-3, 200	Sr.	Illinois-Wesleyan
OL	Alex Bell	6-3, 330	Sr.	Hobart
OL	Andrew McGlenn	6-3, 280	Sr.	Wisconsin-La Crosse
OL	Brian Dewey	6-3, 250	Sr.	Springfield (Mass.)
OL	Matt Nelson	6-4, 245	Jr.	St. John's (Minn.)
OL	Ranardo Whitaker	5-11, 290	Sr.	Bridgewater (Va.)
TE	Nate Wilder	6-4, 210	Sr.	Baldwin-Wallace
QB	Zac Burney	5-10, 180	Sr.	Mount Union
RB	Brett Trichilo	5-11, 217	Sr.	Wilkes
RB	Tony Sutton	5-11, 190	Sr.	Wooster
PK	Rhett Soltas	5-10, 270	Sr.	Norwich

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Size	Class	School
DL	Kelley Bertrand	6-5, 255	Sr.	Linfield
DL	Michael Holbok	5-11, 230	Sr.	Buffalo State
DL	Steve Fleming	6-6, 270	Sr.	Brockport State
DL	Mike Lewis	6-1, 240	Jr.	Adrian
LB	Shaun Spisak	5-11, 225	Sr.	Mount Union
LB	Grant Acker	5-9, 210	Sr.	Gettysburg
LB	Michael Irvin	6-1, 203	Sr.	Buena Vista
LB	John Lennox	6-2, 225	Sr.	Montclair State
DB	Matt Campbell	6-1, 185	Sr.	Johns Hopkins
DB	Jamarcus Shephard	6-0, 190	Sr.	DePauw
DB	Frank Pilato	6-1, 190	Sr.	Washington & Jefferson
DB	Alex Hansen	5-10, 180	Sr.	Hardin-Simmons
P	Nick Schlieman	6-4, 225	Jr.	Augsburg

JUNIOR COLLEGE REPORT

Look for City College of San Francisco to stand alone above the rest this season

By TONY JIMENEZ, Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal

When Butler County (Kan.) Community College coach Troy Morrell walked off the field after his team's 14-10 win over Dixie State College of Utah in the Dixie Rotary Bowl last December, claiming the National Junior College Athletic Association championship, nothing would have made him happier than to have had his team play another game—against City College of San Francisco, the California Community Colleges Football Association champion.

But Morrell and San Francisco coach George Rush knew the chances of a Butler County-San Francisco game to determine a true national champion were nil; the NJCAA and CCCFA are two very separate and independent institutions.

Butler County and San Francisco had such similar seasons that Hank Ives, the nation's foremost juco talent scout and publisher of the *J.C. Grid Wire*, threw his hands up and gave the mythical 2003 JC title to Butler County and San Francisco.

"It was impossible to separate the two teams," says Ives, who has had co-champs only five times in the 44 years *J.C. Grid Wire* has been published. "We worked the figures from all angles and they always came out the same. It's a real shame that we don't have a national championship on the JC level. That's the best way to decide who is No. 1. It would be terrific for the JCs, giving them more national exposure. The four-year schools are sure learning how valuable a good JC player can be, and the public needs to know also."

1 City College of San Francisco, 12-0 in '03

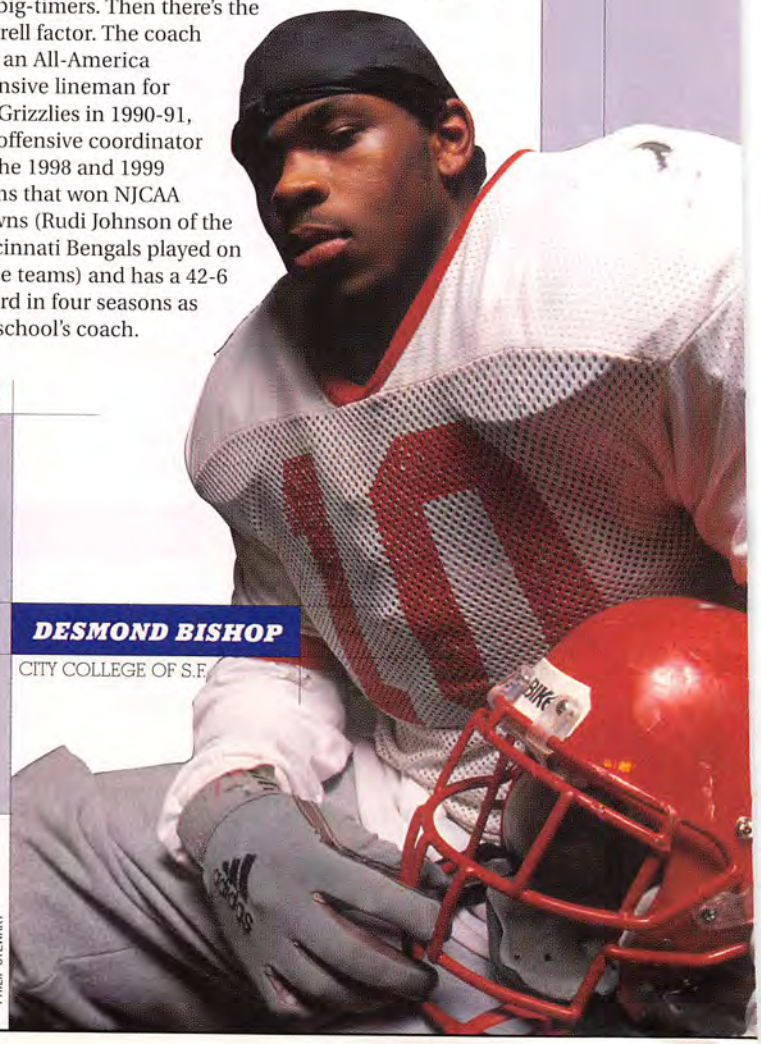
Whatever the Rams are eating for breakfast, they better keep at it. Twenty players earned major college scholarships after last season, but the beat goes on at 50 Phelan Ave. A combination of talented sophomores, standout players coming off of redshirt years and transfers will again make the Rams lethal. The biggest offensive assets are 6-3, 320-pound lineman Taase Jennings and quarterback Joe Ayoob, the offensive MVP of last year's state title game. Ayoob led CCSF on the winning 95-yard scoring drive for the championship against Grossmont CC, culminating with a nine-yard scoring pass with nine seconds remaining. The defense, which yielded just 142 yards per game in 2003 to lead all California jucos, is led by linebacker Desmond Bishop, an NFL prospect.

2 Fresno City (Calif.), 9-2

If coach Tony Caviglia was taking a JC football test over the past five years, he'd score an A. He has taken his teams to 46 wins in 50 games. Expect more of the same this season, with seven offensive starters and nine defensive players back from a team that will face a big test against San Francisco in Fresno on Sept. 18. Nate Wright, who gained 7.7 yards per carry as a freshman, is one of the top returning offensive backs in California. The offensive line will be led by Palauni Ma Sun and Patamo So'oalo (both 6-6, 330 pounds) and averages 6-4, 310 pounds, while the defense has stars in linebacker Zac Diles and strong safety Aris Borjas.

3 Butler County (Kan.) CC, 12-0

The Grizzlies are coming off a perfect season but lost 38 players off that 55-player roster. So it's a rebuilding year, right? No way. Coach Troy Morrell has such a well-oiled machine that it should be business as usual in El Dorado, although perfection is an unrealistic expectation. Free safety Chris Felder is a prized sophomore, while wideouts Reggie Smith and Jimmie Beard III are big-timers. Then there's the Morrell factor. The coach was an All-America offensive lineman for the Grizzlies in 1990-91, the offensive coordinator on the 1998 and 1999 teams that won NJCAA crowns (Rudi Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals played on those teams) and has a 42-6 record in four seasons as the school's coach.



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4 Grossmont (Calif.) CC, 13-1

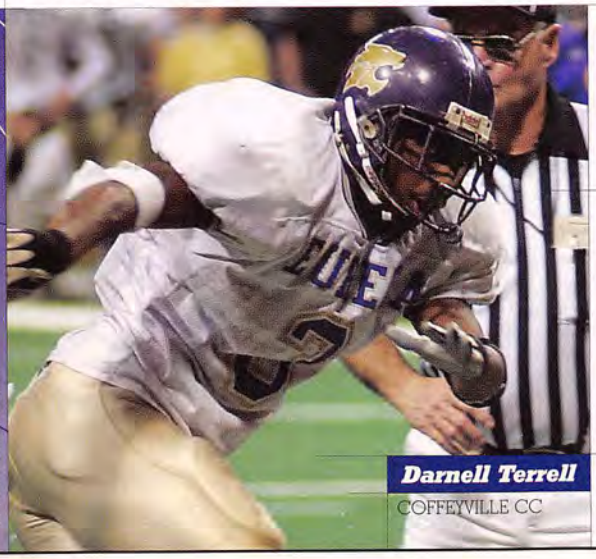
Grossmont had a big and experienced team in 2003, but the 2004 Griffins will be quicker and more athletic, says 31-year coach Dave Jordan. Quarterback Jarrod Jackson should be the biggest plus on offense,with wideout Marque Clark his most inviting target. Jackson will get ample protection from a pair of mammoth linemen in Patrick Kapuniai (6-4, 310) and Sam Downs (6-4, 280). Defensively, Dallas Mauga, a powerful tackle from American Samoa who played linebacker in high school, should have a banner season despite facing more than his share of double and triple teams. Other top defenders are lineman Andrew Jiles (6-4, 250) and secondary man John Guice.

5 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, 10-2

When a high school player in the Midlands says he's going to Miami, he may be talking about the other Miami, located in Oklahoma. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M is the only juco in the state with a football program. Coach Dale Patterson, who tutored Jeremy Shockey of the New York Giants for one season, annually has the Norsemen in the national-championship hunt. Running back Charles Elix, the top returning rusher among all two-year-school backs after averaging 171 yards per game as a freshman, is A&M's best weapon. He is a power runner with excellent speed. Other key returnees are center Matt Mann (6-2, 290), a solid blocker, and linebacker Jon Radford, a hard hitter with speed to boot.

6 Dixie State College of Utah, 10-2

Coach Greg Croshaw embarks on his 23rd season without a single losing season and potentially has his best team ever in St. George. Dixie State lost to Butler County CC in the 2003 NJCAA Championship Game, but the shoe could easily be on the other foot this season. There could be as many as 19 returning starters in the lineup when the season opens. The offense has a can't-miss major college recruit in lineman Scott Fisher and a standout tight end in Walter Nickel. The defense has double trouble on the line in Doug and Billy Ray Morris (brothers who are 6-4, 280, and 6-3, 270, respectively), and an All-America linebacker in Beau Manutai. It could all add up to one heck of a season for Croshaw and Co.



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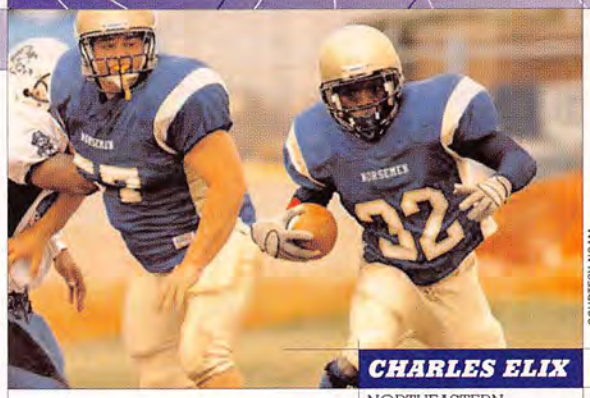
Darnell Terrell
COFFEYVILLE CC



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CHARLES ELIX
NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M

7 Butte CC (Calif.), 9-2

If any player could afford to let up a bit in the offseason, it would be Jason Peters, who rushed for more than 1,600 yards as a freshman. But Peters, the top rusher in the California juco ranks last year, worked longer and harder, as did his teammates, and now Butte appears primed for a big year. Wide receiver Craig Barber, who could have played on the school's basketball team but chose the track squad this spring, will make some big catches and take pressure off of Peters. Offensive lineman Dreyfus Cagins (6-4, 350), defensive tackle Chris Terrell (6-6, 320) and cornerback Brandin Williams are other expected standouts for the Roadrunners.

8 Blinn College (Texas), 7-3

Put together Rashod Turner, the NJCAA's top returning pass catcher from a year ago (64 catches 1,045 yards), beefy offensive and defensive lines that average 295 and 330 pounds, respectively, and more depth, and it's easy to see why coach Scott Maxfield likes his team. The Buccaneers, the No. 1 offense last year among all JCs with an average of 538 yards per game, return 11 starters, including backup QB Daniel Marshall, who threw nine TD passes in '03. Running back James Johnson, a redshirt last season, and offensive linemen John Cook and Billy Foster (an imposing figure at 6-6, 380 pounds who wears size 19 shoes) lead the offense. Defensively, lineman Shane O'Neal, linebacker Lance Gardner and cornerback Clifford Jingles are all-star candidates.

9 Coffeyville (Kan.) CC, 9-3

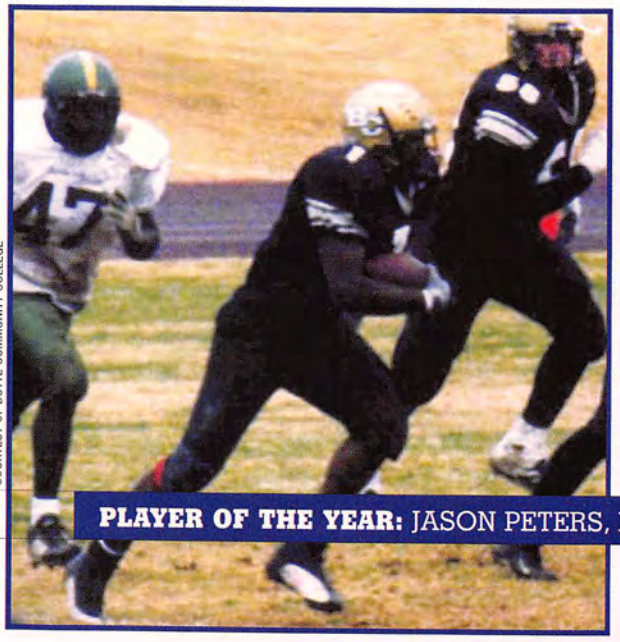
Coach Jeff Leiker has enough talent to make a run at a national championship. Miami native Kerry Reed, a 6-3, 190-pound wide receiver, runs, catches and blocks well. Safeties Reggie Nelson and Darnell Terrell, redshirts last year, are destined for big seasons, while defensive end Dontrell Moore, a 12-game starter as a freshman, is dynamite. A good sign from 2003: The Red Ravens' three losses came by a combined 11 points.

10 Garden City (Kan.) CC, 5-5

Coach Bob Larson was pained after an uncharacteristic .500 mark last year. After all, the school's last losing record came in 1986. This time out, expect the Broncbusters to win a few more games. Sophomore QB Chris Nelson, a hometown kid who goes 6-5, 220 pounds, could well rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000. Offensive lineman Alfonso Caballero (6-6, 320) is lean but needs to get mean, while defensive end Rodney Allen (6-4, 268) is only in his third year of organized football but plays much better than that.

BEST OF THE REST

11. College of the Canyons (Calif.), 11-1
12. Snow College (Utah), 9-1
13. Santa Rosa CC, (Calif.), 11-0
14. Georgia Military Academy, 8-3
15. Cerritos College (Calif.), 7-4
16. Joliet (Ill.) JC, 7-3
17. Saddleback CC (Calif.), 8-3
18. Bakersfield (Calif.) College, 6-4
19. Reedley (Calif.) College, 10-1
20. Tyler (Texas) JC, 10-2
21. Chaffey College (Calif.), 8-3
22. Palomar College (Calif.), 8-3
23. Mt. San Antonio College (Calif.), 10-2
24. William Rainey Harper College (Ill.), 10-1
25. Glendale (Ariz.) CC, 9-2
    Jones County (Miss.) JC, 7-2



COURTESY OF BUTTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: JASON PETERS, RB, BUTTE CC

SUPER SOPHOMORES

OFFENSE

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO
Jarrod Jackson	QB	6-1	205	Grossmont CC
Jason Peters	RB	6-3	225	Butte CC
Charles Elix	RB	5-11	195	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
Jason Vandiver	TE	6-3	260	Fullerton (Calif.) CC
Rashod Turner	WR	5-11	185	Blinn
Tyrell Smith	WR	6-1	185	College of the Canyons
Adam Durham	OL	6-4	300	Navarro College (Texas)
Taase Jennings	OL	6-3	320	CC of San Francisco
Scott Fisher	OL	6-8	315	Dixie State
Palauni Ma Sun	OL	6-6	330	Fresno City
Brandon Walker	OL	6-2	280	Grand Rapids (Mich.) CC

DEFENSE

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO
Soli Lefiti	DE	6-5	250	Palomar
Chad Green	DE	6-5	225	Hinds CC (Miss.)
Dallas Mauga	DL	6-1	280	Grossmont CC
Shane O'Neal	DL	6-4	330	Blinn
Kenneth Atkins	LB	6-2	220	Bakersfield
Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	240	CC of San Francisco
Beau Manutai	LB	6-2	240	Dixie State
Roshaun Marshall	CB	5-10	185	College of the Canyons
Waymon Ford	CB	5-11	185	Georgia Military
Jeffrey Dukes	FS	6-4	215	Northwest Mississippi CC
Reggie Nelson	SS	6-1	200	Coffeyville CC

COURTESY OF TONY JIMINEZ

SPECIALISTS

Andrew Leavers	P	5-10	170	Foothill College (Calif.)
Jason Fralicker	PK	5-10	180	Erie (N.Y.) CC
Maurice White	RS	5-10	185	Santa Rosa JC

TOP JUCOS MOVING ON

OFFENSE

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO	COLLEGE
Robert Johnson	QB	6-2	190	Reedley	Texas Tech
Quinton Ganther	RB	5-10	200	Citrus College (Calif.)	Utah
Tim Brown	RB	5-8	185	CC of San Francisco	Temple
Joseph Harris	RB	5-9	215	Butler County CC	Wyoming
John Wadkowski	TE	6-4	255	Ventura (Calif.) College	Wyoming
Delanie Walker	WR	6-3	225	Mt. San Antonio	Central Mo. St.
Todd Watkins	WR	6-3	190	Grossmont CC	BYU
Albert Toeaina	OL	6-8	340	CC of San Francisco	Tennessee
Paul Soliai	OL	6-4	330	Coffeyville CC	Utah
Tyler McMeans	OL	6-6	340	Lackawanna CC (Miss.)	Miami
Deuce Lutui	OL	6-5	380	Snow	Southern Cal

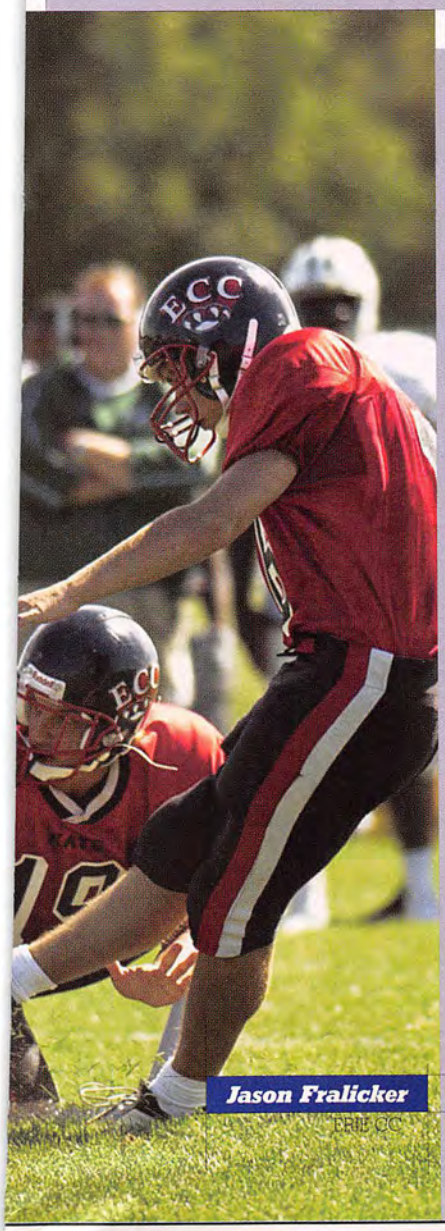
TOP JUCOS MOVING ON

DEFENSE

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO	COLLEGE
Domata Peko	DL	6-4	280	College of the Canyons	Michigan St.
Claude Wroten	DL	6-3	315	Mississippi Delta CC	Louisiana St.
Brett Bischofberger	DL	6-3	290	Butte CC	Texas Tech
Jesse Mahelona	DL	6-2	295	Orange Coast College (Calif.)	Tennessee
D.J. Johnson	DL	6-2	294	Garden City CC	Houston
Singa Iloa	LB	6-1	240	Dixie State	Undecided
Ryan Powdrell	LB	6-1	250	Saddleback CC (Calif.)	Southern Cal
Scott Ware	DB	6-2	220	Santa Rosa JC	Southern Cal
Maurice London	DB	6-1	180	Grossmont CC	Arizona St.
Dashon Goldson	DB	6-1	195	Coffeyville CC	Washington
Quincy Butler	DB	6-2	190	Tyler JC	TCU

SPECIALISTS

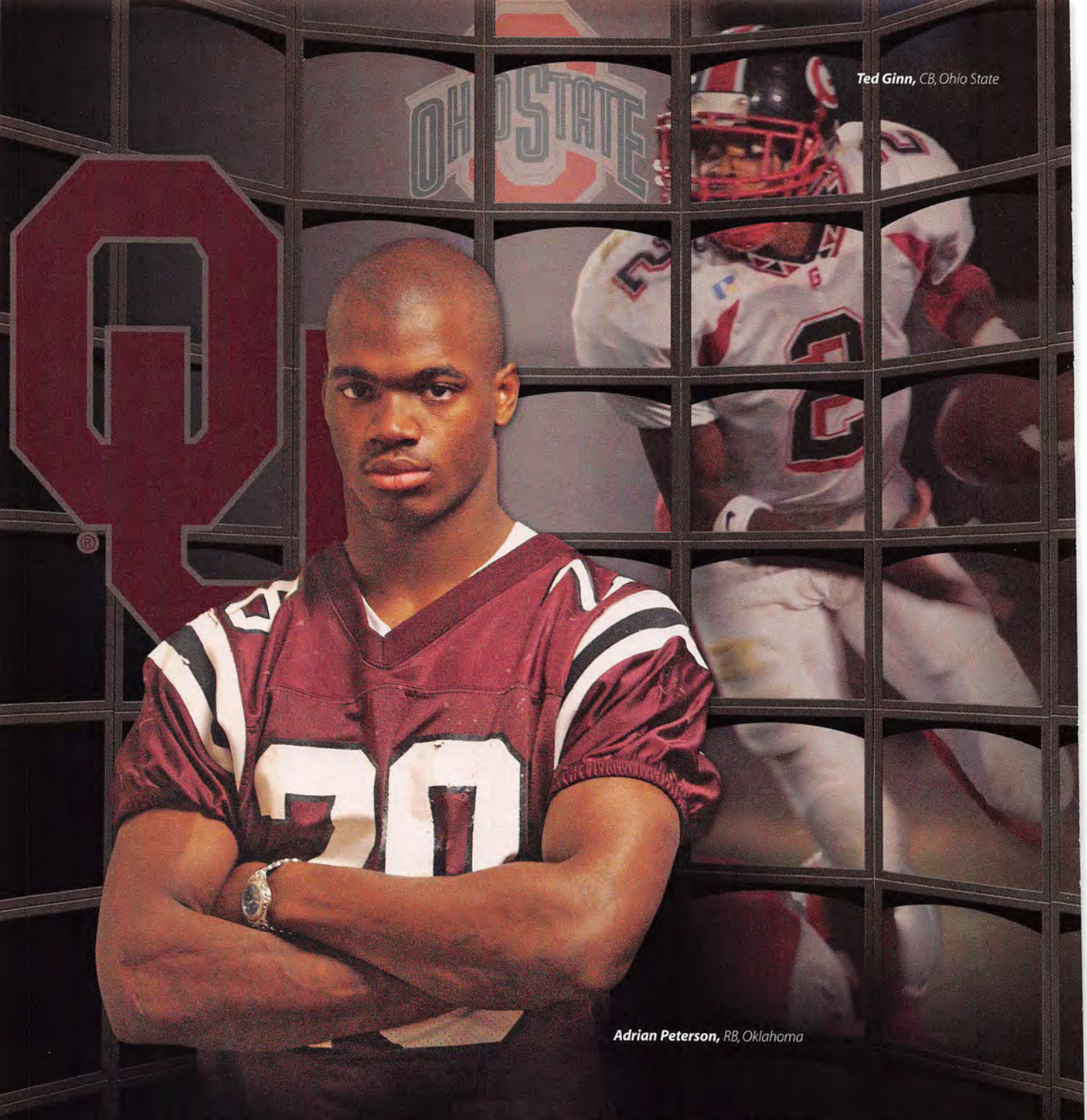
NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO	COLLEGE
Sam Paulescu	P	6-0	185	Fullerton (Calif.) CC	Oregon St.
Ryan Lux	PK	6-2	215	Palomar	Temple
Larry Kendrick	RS	5-11	210	Pearl River CC (Miss.)	Ole Miss



Jason Fralicker
ERIE CC

OTHERS

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	JUCO	COLLEGE
Remi Ayodele	DT	6-3	280	NE Oklahoma A&M	Oklahoma
Aaron Brown	LB	6-2	230	Compton (Calif.) CC	Texas A&M
Dan Catalano	LB	6-2	235	Grossmont CC	UNLV
Roosevelt Cooks	LB	5-11	220	Fresno City	UNLV
Jason Coutts	QB	5-9	195	Snow	Utah St.
Surrell Davis	DB	6-0	190	College of San Mateo (Calif.)	Kansas State
Tyler DeBry	LB	5-11	225	Dixie State	BYU
Keith Ellison	DB	6-2	220	El Camino CC (Calif.)	Oregon State
Merci Falaise	OL	6-5	320	Georgia Military	North Carolina St.
Lee Foliaki	LB	6-3	230	Butler County CC	Texas A&M
Vince Feula	DL	6-1	295	Cerritos	BYU
Tywan Freeney	WR	6-2	195	Nassau CC (N.Y.)	Indiana
Andre Hall	RB	5-10	210	Garden City CC	South Florida
Josh Hargis	DB	6-3	180	Palomar	Iowa State
Brent Hecht	TE	6-5	250	Butler County CC	Texas Christian
Chris Herring	DL	6-1	300	Northwest Mississippi CC	Mississippi
Dewayne Hollifield	DL	6-4	270	Los Angeles Harbor College	Arizona State
Devin Hollins	QB	6-2	200	West Los Angeles College	Arkansas State
Bret Jones	DB	6-2	195	CC of San Francisco	Kansas State
Tommy Keyes	OL	6-1	295	Jones County JC	UAB
Dane King	QB	6-2	205	Blinn	Baylor
E. J. Kuale	LB	6-3	225	Dodge City (Kan.) CC	LSU
Justin Luettgerodt	LB	6-4	225	Foothill	BYU
Emmanuel Marc	RB	5-11	197	Hudson Valley CC (N.Y.)	Utah State
Jesse Martinez	WR	6-5	220	Santa Rosa JC	Kansas State
Cameron McDade	OL	6-1	290	Glendale CC	Fort Hays State
Rob Ninkovich	DL	6-3	245	Joliet JC	Purdue
Jacob Peeler	OL	6-3	280	Holmes CC (Miss.)	Louisiana Tech
Maurice Porter	CB	6-1	190	CC of San Francisco	Kansas State
Chris Pino	OL	6-6	320	Palomar	San Diego St.
Dave Rios	P	5-9	175	Cisco (Texas) JC	SW Missouri St.
Derreck Ross	RB	6-0	230	Blinn	Tarleton State
Kenneth Shelton	WR	6-1	190	Trinity Valley CC (Texas)	New Mexico
Byron Smith	DL	6-2	295	Kilgore (Texas) College	Arizona
Kevin Stanley	AP	6-0	170	Victor Valley CC (Calif.)	Nevada
Matt Swan	LB	6-5	235	Laney College (Calif.)	Nevada
Randall Swoops	OL/DL	6-3	305	Georgia Military	Georgia
Joe Tantarelli	PK	5-9	165	Glendale CC	UC Davis
Kenneth West	LB	6-0	180	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	New Mexico
Chad Wilmott	QB	6-4	210	Butler County CC	UAB



Ted Ginn, *CB, Ohio State*

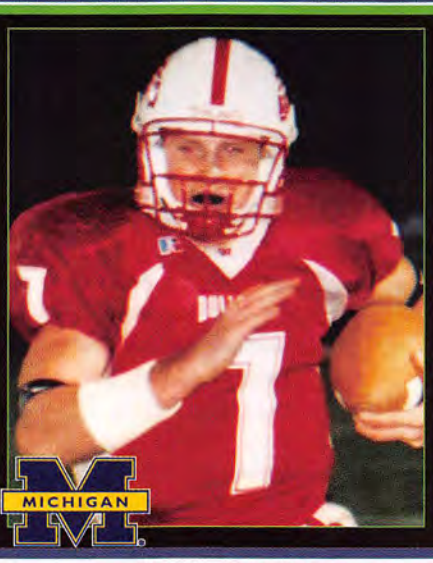
Adrian Peterson, *RB, Oklahoma*

NO LETTING UP

Southern Cal and LSU continued their battle for No. 1 into the offseason with a spirited February signing war.

By Doug Huff

Brian Brohm, *QB, Louisville*



Chad Henne, *QB, Michigan*

Brian Toal, *LB, Boston College*

If recruiting successes are a gauge for future on-field performances, don't expect much movement in the college football hierarchy anytime soon.

Two teams who claimed a piece of last season's national championship, Southern California and Louisiana State, earned the top two spots for incoming recruiting classes for the second straight year.

The Trojans, who captured a Rose Bowl victory over Michigan and was ranked No. 1 in the final *Associated Press* media poll, landed 16 high school prospects plus four junior college players Feb. 4, National Letter-of-Intent Day. Three of the recruits were already enrolled at USC.

LSU, meanwhile, landed 26 prospects, including 23 high school seniors and a trio of junior college players. Three of those signees were already on campus in Baton Rouge and participated in spring drills.

Southern Cal landed a talent-laden class of linemen led by center Jeff Byers of Fort Collins, Colo., who some consider the nation's top incoming freshman.

The 6-foot-3, 275-pound Byers led Loveland High to a state championship and became only the second lineman in Colorado history to be named state Player of the Year. Byers also was selected national Player of the Year by *Parade* magazine, Gatorade and *Student Sports Magazine*.

Other USC recruits who earned consensus All-America honors were linebacker Keith Rivers of Lake Mary, Fla., defensive end Jeff Schweiger of Valley Christian High in San Jose, Calif., wide receiver Dwayne Jarrett of New Brunswick, N.J., and offensive lineman Thomas Herring of Fremont High in Los Angeles.

The Trojans didn't land the top-flight quarterbacks and running backs that highlighted their 2003 recruiting class. That group included quarterback John David Booty of Louisiana and running back Reggie Bush of California.

LSU, which defeated Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl for the BCS national title, reeled in its second straight top-two recruiting class.

The class was buoyed by what is considered the nation's best incoming corps of wideouts, including three *Parade* All-America choices. The top wide receiver, Xavier Carter of Palm Bay High in Melbourne, Fla., is joined by versatile in-state product Early Doucet of St. Martinville, La., and do-it-all California standout Lavelle Hawkins of Edison High in Stockton, Calif.

Another *Parade* honoree, in-state defensive lineman Glenn Dorsey of East Ascension High in Gonzales, is among five others who garnered various All-America tags: defensive tackle Marlon Favorite of West Jefferson High in Harvey, La.; 6-foot-7, 380-pound offensive lineman Herman Johnson of Denton, Texas; 6-6, 315-pound offensive lineman Ryan Miller of Barbe High in Lake Charles, La.; and 6-4, 227-pound linebacker Luke Sanders of perennial state-title contender West Monroe, La.

The rest of *Street & Smith's* Top 10 recruiting classes, behind USC and LSU, are, in order, Michigan, Florida State, Miami, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio State, Texas and Florida.

Michigan gets the nod for the third spot thanks to a solid, deep class that includes players from 14 states and the District of Columbia. The Wolverines loaded up on wide receivers and defensive linemen and ventured to Pennsylvania to rope in a first-team all-state quarterback in *Parade* All-American Chad Henne of Wilson High in West Lawn. Another *Parade* choice, running back Mike Hart from Onondaga Central High in Nedrow, N.Y., set three national records for career points (1,240), touchdowns (203) and consecutive 100-yard rushing games (47). He finished his prep career with 11,052 rushing yards, second all-time nationally.

Michigan's top receiver signees were Adrian Arrington from Washington High in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and

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Street & Smith's top 100 freshmen

QUARTERBACKS

1. **Rhett Bomar**, Oklahoma
2. **Xavier Lee**, Florida State
3. **Kirby Freeman**, Miami
4. **Bobby Reid**, Oklahoma State
5. **Anthony Morelli**, Penn State
6. **Chad Henne**, Michigan
7. **Matt Tuiasosopo**, Washington
8. **Drew Weatherford**, Florida State
9. **Brian Brohm**, Louisville
10. **A.J. Bryant**, Georgia
11. **Nate Longshore**, California
12. **Cornelius Ingram**, Florida
13. **Chase Patton**, Missouri
14. **Stephen McGee**, Texas A&M

RUNNING BACKS

1. **Adrian Peterson**, Oklahoma
2. **Bobby Washington**, Miami
3. **Thomas Brown**, Georgia
4. **Marshawn Lynch**, California
5. **Darius Walker**, Notre Dame
6. **Andre Brown**, N.C. State
7. **Peyton Hills**, Arkansas
8. **Charlie Jones**, Miami
9. **Markus Manson**, Florida
10. **Jamaal Edwards**, Florida State
11. **George Bell**, Virginia Tech

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. **Early Doucet**, LSU
2. **Xavier Carter**, LSU
3. **Cameron Colvin**, Oregon
4. **Fred Davis**, USC
5. **Dwayne Jarrett**, USC
6. **Calvin Johnson**, Georgia Tech
7. **Lance Leggett**, Miami
8. **Nikita Stover**, Alabama
9. **Lavelle Hawkins**, LSU
10. **George Walker**, Texas
11. **Brandon Barrett**, West Virginia
12. **Eddie Royal**, Virginia Tech
13. **Adrian Arrington**, Michigan
14. **Jordan Shipley**, Texas
15. **Derrick Jones**, USC

TIGHT END

1. **Zach Miller**, Arizona State

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

1. **Jeff Byers**, USC
2. **Alex Fletcher**, Stanford
3. **Calvin Darity**, North Carolina
4. **Herman Johnson**, LSU
5. **Thomas Herring**, USC
6. **Leon Hart**, Auburn
7. **Drew Miller**, Florida
8. **Roland Martin**, Michigan State
9. **Aaron Klovas**, Oregon
10. **Lydon Murtha**, Nebraska
11. **Seth Olsen**, Iowa
12. **Brett Gallimore**, Michigan
13. **Cedric Dockery**, Texas
14. **Adam Ulatoski**, Texas
15. **Greg Harrison**, Penn State

DEFENSIVE ENDS

1. **Jeff Schweiger**, USC
2. **Derrick Harvey**, Florida
3. **Rhyan Anderson**, Miami
4. **Tim Jamison**, Michigan
5. **Brandon Miller**, Georgia
6. **Brigham Harwell**, UCLA
7. **Charles Johnson**, Georgia
8. **Dwayne Hendricks**, Miami
9. **Phillip Mbakagu**, California

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

1. **DeMario Pressley**, N.C. State
2. **Franklin Okam**, Texas
3. **Demonte Bolden**, Tennessee
4. **Glenn Dorsey**, LSU
5. **William Morrisey**, Texas A&M
6. **Marlon Favorite**, LSU
7. **Aaron Jones**, Florida State
8. **Marque Hall**, South Carolina
9. **A.Q. Shipley**, Penn State

LINEBACKERS

1. **Willie Williams**, Miami
2. **Keith Rivers**, USC
3. **Dan Connor**, Penn State
4. **Chris Patterson**, Oklahoma
5. **Brian Toal**, Boston College
6. **Kyle Williams**, Iowa
7. **James Bryant**, Miami
8. **Luke Sanders**, LSU
9. **Marcus Freeman**, Ohio State
10. **Lawrence Timmons**, Florida State
11. **Garry Pack**, Mississippi
12. **Brandon Siler**, Florida
13. **Tyrell Sales**, Penn State
14. **Rory Johnson**, Mississippi State

CORNERBACKS

1. **Ted Ginn**, Ohio State
2. **Tony Carter**, Florida State
3. **Marcus Walker**, Oklahoma
4. **J.R. Bryant**, Florida State
5. **Cortney Grixby**, Nebraska
6. **Willie Gasper**, Oregon
7. **Simeon Castille**, Alabama

SAFETIES

1. **Andrew Kelson**, Texas
2. **Kyle Jackson**, Florida
3. **Michael Grant**, Georgia
4. **Bobby Tatum**, Texas
5. **Jerome Boyd**, Oregon

Xavier Lee, QB, Florida State

STREET & SMITH'S TOP 10 RECRUITING CLASSES

Dan Connor, LB, Penn State

1. Southern Cal
2. LSU
3. Michigan
4. Florida State
5. Miami
6. Oklahoma
7. Georgia
8. Ohio State
9. Texas
10. Florida

Doug Dutch from Gonzaga High in Washington, D.C. The Wolverines' top defensive lineman was end Tim Jamison from Thornton High in Harvey, Ill.

Florida State and Miami hold down the Nos. 4 and 5 spots, respectively, but little separates the two classes.

The Seminoles landed the nation's top pair of quarterbacks, and didn't have to venture far. Florida's Mr. Football, and the top QB on the *Parade* All-America list, Xavier Lee of Seabreeze High in Daytona Beach, Fla., will compete with fellow frosh Drew Weatherford of Land 'O Lakes, Fla., for future playing time.

The 'Noles also landed *Parade* All-America linebacker Lawrence Timmons of Wilson High in Florence, S.C., plus three touted in-state defensive backs—Tony Carter of Mandarin High in Tallahassee, J.R. Bryant of Killian High in Miami and Jonathan Warren of Madison County High in Madison.

Miami closed as fast as any college to corral recruits in the final days of the signing period, but the status of possibly its No. 1 catch was in limbo because of legal troubles. Linebacker Willie Williams, a consensus All-America choice from Coral City High in Miami, has been cited—but not charged or arrested as of this writing—in three separate incidents during a recruiting trip to the University of Florida in Gainesville. Williams, who has a history of 10 arrests, most of them theft-related, is currently on probation and any legal action in the latest cases would result in a probation violation. At press time, Miami officials said they would allow the legal system to run its course before deciding on the status of Williams' scholarship.

Even without Williams, Miami was a solid No. 5 choice on this list with the likes of *Parade* All-America defensive lineman Rhyan Anderson from Oak Creek, Wis., plus touted quarterback Kirby Freeman from Brownwood, Texas, linebacker James Bryant of Reading, Pa., and running backs Bobby Washington of Killian High in Miami and Andrew Johnson of North Hills High in Pittsburgh. Miami got Johnson after he reneged on a verbal commitment to hometown Pitt. Washington was a *Parade* honoree.

Oklahoma has capitalized on its on-the-field wins over Texas in recent years to pan recruiting gold in the Lone Star State. The Sooners' sixth-ranked class includes the nation's top running back prospect in Adrian Peterson of Palestine, Texas, and quarterback Rhett Bomar of Grand Prairie, Texas, who has been rated the No. 1 QB prospect by most analysts. The Sooners also landed a *Parade* All-America linebacker from Chicago, Chris Patterson of Hubbard High.

The University of Georgia kept most of its top in-state talent at home, which is good news for Bulldog fans since the Peach State is one of the most fertile producers of talent in the land.

The future home-grown Bulldogs include quarterback A.J. Bryant of Peach County High in Fort Valley, running back Thomas Brown of Tucker, defensive back Michael Grant from Stephenson High in Stone Mountain, and defensive ends Brandon Miller of Miller County in Colquitt and Charles Johnson from Hawkinsville.

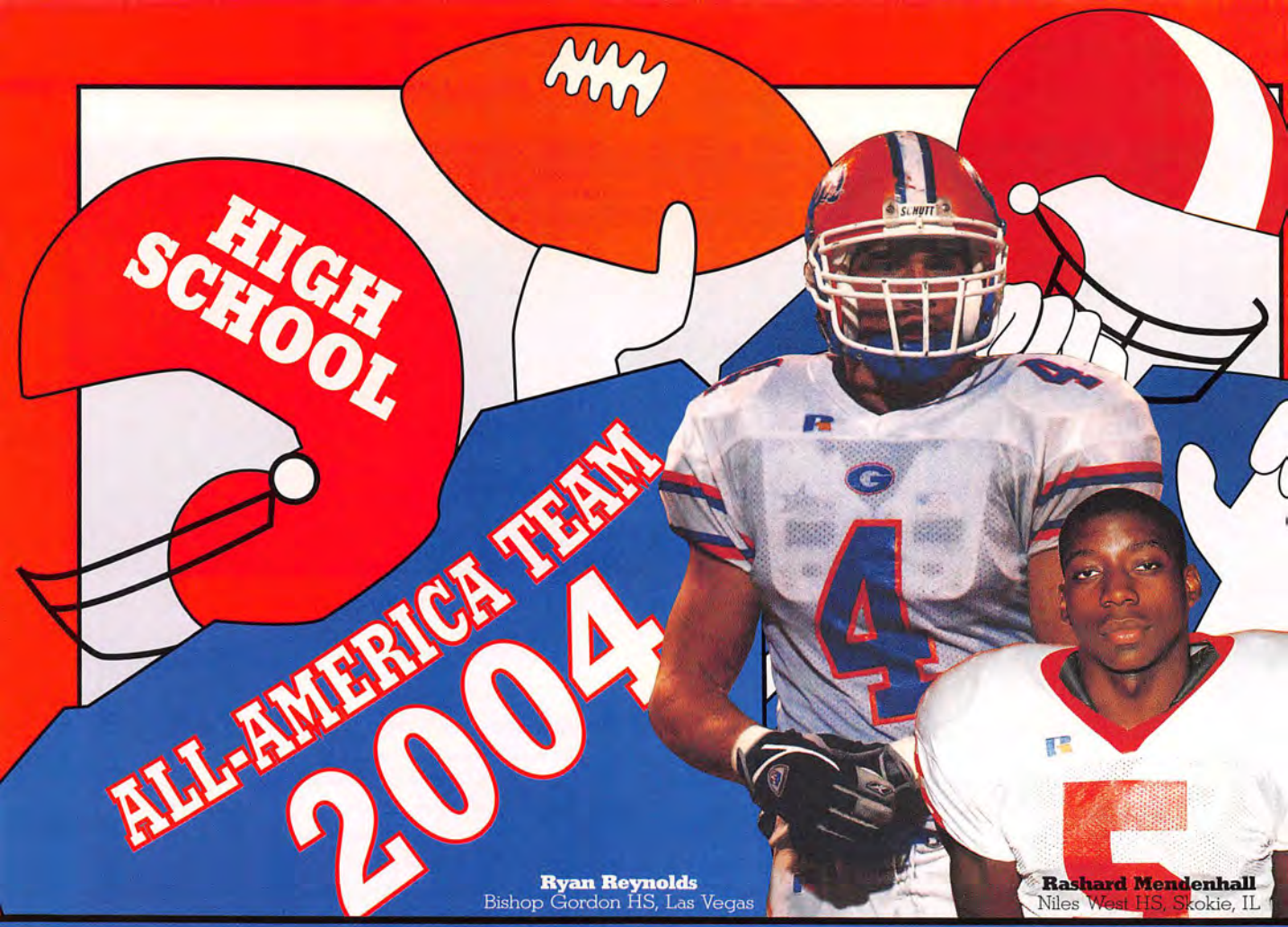
Ohio State landed three *Parade* All-America honorees, including the No. 1 defensive back in Ted Ginn from Glenville High in Cleveland. The others are linebacker Marcus Freeman of Wayne High in Huber Heights, Ohio, who has already enrolled at OSU, and offensive lineman Kyle Mitchell of McDowell High in Erie, Pa.

Texas missed out on a bumper crop of in-state quarterback prospects but reloaded at wide receiver with Jordan Shipley of Burnet, Texas, plus George Walker of Westbury High in Houston.

Defensive tackle Franklin Okam of Lake Highlands High in Dallas headlines the interior-line recruits.

Florida, like the other Sunshine State schools, closed fast to break into the Top 10. The Gators' class includes two-sport Florida all-stater Cornelius Ingram, a quarterback from tiny Hawthorne High, and *Parade* All-America lineman Derrick Harvey from Eleanor Roosevelt High in Greenbelt, Md., one of the nation's top defensive ends.

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAM 2004



Ryan Reynolds
Bishop Gordon HS, Las Vegas

Rashard Mendenhall
Niles West HS, Skokie, IL

Eight offensive linemen averaging 6-foot-6, 311 pounds highlight *Street & Smith's* 23rd annual listing of the nation's Top 50 prep football players

By Doug Huff

Size does matter in high school football. And the 23rd annual *Street & Smith's* High School All-America Team is a prime example.

The 50-player preseason honor roll features eight offensive linemen who average 311 pounds on a nearly 6-foot-6-inch frame. The defensive line, which includes rush ends, averages "only" 282 pounds.

Compare those numbers with the initial *Street & Smith's* selections in 1982: the five honored offensive linemen averaged 240 pounds, with the largest weighing 265. The biggest of seven defensive linemen was 250 pounds.

Bigger, faster, stronger.

That's the common thread for the honorees from 23 states. Texas and Florida lead the list with six players each. California has five, while Ohio, Illinois and Virginia contribute three each.

The Top 50 list includes nine rising seniors who had committed to college scholarship offers by early spring of their junior year.

Big Ten Conference rivals Ohio State and Michigan each landed two honorees. The OSU Buckeyes, in fact, received a verbal from the tallest selection in 6-8, 310-pound offensive lineman Alex Boone of St. Edward High in Lakewood, Ohio, plus defensive back Jamario O'Neal of Glenville High in Cleveland. Michigan gained an Ohio native in wide receiver Mario Manningham of Harding High in Warren, plus in-state running back Kevin Grady Jr. of East Grand Rapids. Grady was the National Junior of the Year, according to *Student Sports Magazine.*

Other early commitments include quarterback Vic Hall of Gretna, Va., to Virginia; running backs Rashard Mendenhall of Skokie (Ill.), Niles West to Illinois, and Jason Gwaltney of North Babylon, N.Y., to West Virginia; and defensive back Clarence Ward of La Marque, Texas, to LSU. Also, football/basketball standout Greg Paulus of Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, N.Y., committed to Duke for basketball. He's a football quarterback.

Here's a position-by-position capsule summary of *Street & Smith's* Top 50 selections:

QUARTERBACKS

Louisiana has produced several touted prep quarterbacks in recent years if one has paid attention to college recruiting and the NFL Draft. The latest is Ryan Perrilloux of East St. John High in Reserve, La. The three-sport performer was named Class 5A all-state last season after accounting for 3,698 offensive yards and 47 touchdowns. He completed 119 of 209 passes for 2,404 yards and 26 TDs and rushed 136 times for 1,274 yards and 21 scores.

Paulus, one of the nation's top football/basketball performers, enters his senior season with New York-record totals of 109 TD passes and 8,094 aerial yards. Last season, he passed for 2,852 yards and 33 scores. In basketball, he averaged 23 points a game for Christian Brothers.

The other three quarterback honorees are hoping to return to state championship games after putting up big numbers as juniors.

University of Virginia recruit Hall led Gretna to the state Division 3 crown while posting 4,434 yards of total offense and 56 touchdowns. He passed for 2,769 yards and 31 scores and rushed for 1,665 yards and 25 TDs. With 9,709 total-offense yards in his career, Hall is on target to break the state standard set by former University of North Carolina quarterback Ronald Curry.

Lockport will be seeking a third straight Illinois Class 8A crown with Jake Christensen running the offense. Last season, he completed 188 of 296 passes for 3,037 yards and 30 touchdowns.

In Texas, Southlake Carroll has won 31 of its last 32 games, with the lone loss coming in last season's Class 5A-II finals. Returning to guide one of the nation's top-ranked preseason teams will be Chase Daniel, who accounted for 5,332 yards of total offense and 59 TDs. Last season, Daniel completed 231 of 350 passes for 3,722 yards and 42 scores and rushed 271 times for 1,610 yards and 17 TDs.

RUNNING BACKS

Ten prolific rushers comprise a deep-and-talented list of ball-carriers.

Grady led East Grand Rapids to its second straight unbeaten season and state Division 3 title as a junior while rushing for 2,507 yards and scoring 43 touchdowns.

Illinois recruit Mendenhall has rushed for more than 3,200 yards and scored 42 TDs the last two seasons, including 1,832 yards and 23 scores as a junior.

Gwaltney set Long Island records in 2003 with 45 touchdowns and 2,601 rushing yards. The West Virginia recruit enters his senior season with 5,112 yards, 90 touchdowns and 546 points.

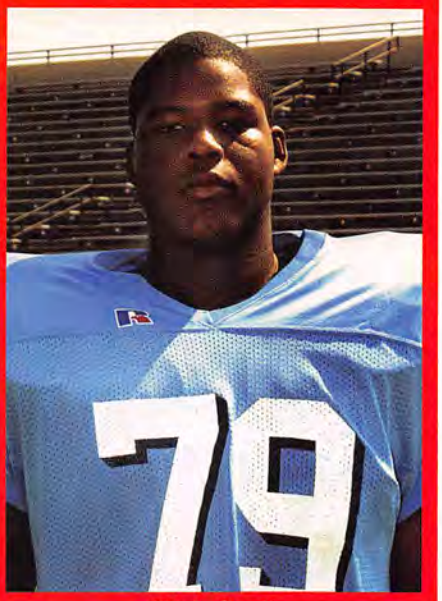
In Virginia, Elan Lewis hopes to lead Phoebus High of Hampton back to a state title it enjoyed in 2002 when he was selected National Sophomore of the Year by *Student Sports Magazine*. Last season, Lewis rushed for 2,472 yards and scored a state Class 3A-record 40 touchdowns.

Florida's leading rusher returns in Maurice Wells of Sandalwood High in Jacksonville. He chalked up a record 3,075 yards in 13 starts, including a 429-yard game. Another touted Sunshine State back is Antone Smith of Pahokee, who rushed for more than 1,700 yards as a sophomore but played hurt much of last season.

In North Carolina, Toney Baker is back for his senior season at Ragsdale High in Jamestown with career numbers of 6,701 rushing yards and 98 touchdowns. He carried 346 times for 3,411 yards and 38 scores last season.

South Panola High of Batesville, Miss., ended a 15-0 season in 2003 with a state Class 5A title and is favored to repeat with Marcus Griffin in the backfield. The all-stater rushed 200 times for 1,837 yards and 19 TDs in a balanced attack last year.

California's No. 1 back could be Marlon Lucky of North Hollywood. In 10 games last season, he rushed 188 times for 1,650 yards and scored 29 touchdowns.



Chris Scott
Lovejoy HS, Lovejoy, GA

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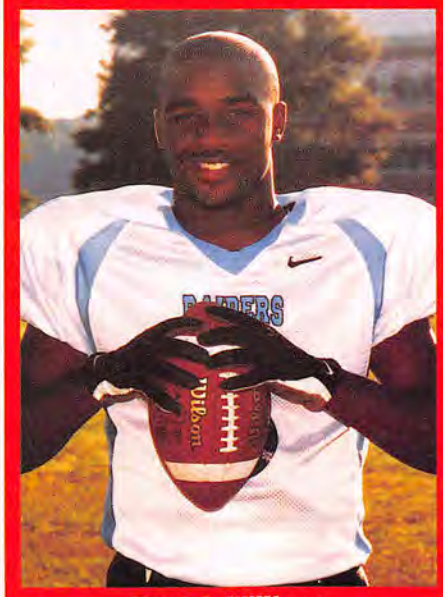
Greg Paulus
Christian Brothers HS, Syracuse, NY



Derrick Williams
Eleanor Roosevelt HS, Greenbelt, MD

The most touted West Coast back probably is Jonathan Stewart of Timberline High in Lacey, Wash., who needs 1,102 yards to set a state career-rushing mark. After running for 2,542 yards last season and 1,504 as a sophomore, he enters his final year with 5,127 yards. Stewart scored 36 TDs as a junior.

UTILITY PLAYERS

Reggie Smith of Santa Fe High in Edmond, Okla., was named state Offensive Player of the Year by the *Daily Oklahoman* newspaper last season after he excelled on both sides of the line. He rushed for 963 yards, had catches totaling 491 yards, returned kicks, punted and had nine pass interceptions for a state Class 6A runner-up team.

Keegan Herring of Peoria High, one of Arizona's fastest sprinters, was named state Back of the Year after rushing 182 times for 1,722 yards, returning 10 kickoffs for 349 yards, and scoring 29 touchdowns.

Justin King of Gateway High in Monroeville, Pa., may be Pennsylvania's top prospect after starring on both sides of the line. He rushed 214 times for 1,763 yards and 31 TDs and earned all-state Class 4A honors as a defensive back.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Mohammed Massaquoi and his team, Independence High of Charlotte, N.C., are registering national-caliber numbers. The two-time all-state end has caught 184 passes for 3,010 yards and 45 TDs the last two seasons as the Patriots have extended their win streak to 62 games and state Class 4A titles to four in a row. Last season, he caught 87 passes for 1,518 yards and 23 scores.

Slick Shelley of Southside High in Fort Smith, Ark., opened eyes last season with his receiving/returning antics. He caught 62 passes for 873 yards and 16 scores and returned 21 kickoffs for 611 yards and a score.

Florida's top receiver could be Fred Rouse of Lincoln High in Tallahassee. Rouse, who also doubles as a defensive back, earned all-star plaudits as a junior when he caught 31 passes for 459 yards and eight TDs.

In Ohio, Manningham committed early to Michigan after helping Harding High of Warren to a 10-0 regular season and earning All-Ohio Division I honors. He hauled in 32 receptions for 626 yards and 11 TDs and handled kick-return duties.

TIGHT END

Dajleon Farr was a major cog in the offensive wheel last season for the Class 5A-I Texas state championship team at North Shore High (16-0) in Houston, the which ended the year ranked No. 2 nationally by *Student Sports Magazine*. Farr was cited for his blocking in a potent attack that outscored foes 702-59.

KICKER

Jonathan Parsons was a major weapon last season for Stratford High in Goose Creek, S.C. The all-state soccer-style placekicker converted 16 of 20 field goals, including four

in one game with kicks of 53, 43, 39 and 23 yards. He also booted 53 of 57 extra points and kicked off regularly into the end zone.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is the heaviest group of offensive linemen ever selected to *Street & Smith's* All-America Team. Seven mammoth blockers averaging 311 pounds provide protection and open holes for the backs.

Boone, an Ohio State recruit, stood above the pack for Ohio Division I runner-up St. Edward of Lakewood. The 6-foot-8, 310-pounder allowed no sacks, had 32 pancake blocks and graded at 94 percent for the season on his blocking assignments to earn first-team all-state honors.

The heaviest player, 340-pound Matt Hardrick, also helped his team, Edgewater of Orlando, to a runner-up spot at Class 6A in Florida. He's a two-time all-state choice.

Rated California's top interior lineman is 6-4, 315-pound, three-sport athlete Rodney Picou of Canyon Springs High in Moreno Valley. He charted 46 pancake blocks as a junior.

The No. 1 line prospect in Pennsylvania could be 6-6, 330-pound Marques Slocum of St. John Neumann High in Philadelphia. The four-year regular was a second-team Class 4A all-stater as a junior when he had 50 pancake blocks and 20 tackles for losses and eight sacks on defense.

The highest-rated blocker in Georgia is Chris Scott of Lovejoy, who posted 48 pancake blocks as a junior all-stater.

Also tapped are touted blockers from Illinois, New Jersey, and Texas. They are Dan Doering of Barrington, Ill.; Eugene Monroe of Plainfield, N.J.; and Reginald Youngblood of Washington High in Houston.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Six stoppers from five states anchor the defensive front of the Top 50.

Texas is the home of two top prospects. DeMarcus Granger was the Dallas area Defensive Player of the Year and an all-state honoree for Kimball High last season. Terrel Nemons, from Cedar Hill High, gains raves from college scouts after a stellar junior season.

In Florida, all-stater Geneath "Neefy" Moffett of Palm Bay High in Melbourne charted 16 sacks last season as a rush end.

Michigan's top lineman is all-state nose guard Terrance Taylor of Muskegon, the state's all-time winningest program. Taylor is also a touted wrestler and power-lifter.

The top prospects in Utah and Arizona could be D-linemen. Matt Reynolds was a Class 4A Utah all-stater at Timpview High in Provo and will be a four-year starter. Ekom Udofia also earned Class 4A all-state status last season at Chaparral High in Scottsdale, Ariz.

LINEBACKERS

College recruiters know the way to Bishop Gorman High in Las Vegas. That's where Ryan Reynolds will be playing his senior season after receiving several scholarship

TOP 50 high school seniors

QUARTERBACKS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Jake Christensen	6-1	207	Lockport	Lockport, IL
Chase Daniel	6-1	210	Carroll	Southlake, TX
Vic Hall	5-11	180	Gretna	Gretna, VA
Greg Paulus	6-1	190	Christian Bro.	Syracuse,NY
Ryan Perrilloux	6-3	210	East St. John	Reserve, LA
RUNNING BACKS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Toney Baker	5-10	215	Ragsdale	Jamestown, NC
Kevin Grady Jr.	5-10	220	E. Grand Rapids	G. Rapids,MI
Marcus Griffin	6-1	210	South Panola	Batesville,MS
Jason Gwaltney	6-0	225	North Babylon	N. Babylon,NY
Elan Lewis	5-10	208	Phoebus	Hampton, VA
Marlon Lucky	6-0	200	No. Hollywood	No.Hollywood, CA
Rashard Mendenhall	5-11	205	Niles West	Skokie, IL
Antone Smith	5-8	180	Pahokee	Pahokee, FL
Jonathan Stewart	5-11	215	Timberline	Lacey, WA
Maurice Wells	5-10	185	Sandalwood	Jacksonville,FL
UTILITY PLAYERS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Keegan Herring	5-10	188	Peoria	Peoria, AZ
Justin King	6-0	180	Gateway	Monroeville,PA
Reggie Smith	6-0	188	Santa Fe	Edmond, OK
WIDE RECEIVERS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Mario Manningham	6-0	175	Harding	Warren, OH
Mohammed Massaquoi	6-2	180	Independence	Charlotte, NC
Fred Rouse	6-3	190	Lincoln	Tallahassee,FL
Slick Shelley	6-3	185	Southside	Fort Smith,AR
TIGHT ENDS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Dajleon Farr	6-6	230	North Shore	Houston, TX
KICKERS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Jonathan Parsons	6-0	170	Stratford	Goose Creek,SC
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Alex Boone	6-8	310	St. Edward	Lakewood,OH
Dan Doering	6-6	280	Barrington	Barrington, IL
Matt Hardrick	6-5	340	Edgewater	Orlando, FL
Eugene Monroe	6-6	320	Plainfield	Plainfield,NJ
Rodney Picou	6-4	315	Canyon Springs	Moreno Valley, CA
Chris Scott	6-6	315	Lovejoy	Lovejoy, GA
Marques Slocum	6-6	330	St. John Neumann	Philadelphia, PA
Reginald Youngblood	6-5	292	Washington	Houston, TX
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
DeMarcus Granger	6-3	325	Kimball	Dallas, TX
Neefy Moffett	6-1	220	Palm Bay	Melbourne, FL
Terrel Nemons	6-3	325	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill,TX
Matt Reynolds	6-5	265	Timpview	Provo, UT
Terrance Taylor	6-1	290	Muskegon	Muskegon, MI
Ekom Udofia	6-2	270	Chaparral	Scottsdale,AZ
LINEBACKERS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Travis Beckum	6-5	218	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Luther Brown	6-1	215	Lakewood	Lakewood, CA
Brian Cushing	6-3	225	Bergen Catholic	Oradell, NJ
Phillip Dillard	6-2	245	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Rey Maualuga	6-2	240	Eureka	Eureka, CA
Ryan Reynolds	6-2	220	Bishop Gorman	Las Vegas, NV
DEFENSIVE BACKS	**HT**	**WT**	**HIGH SCHOOL**	**HOMETOWN**
Victor Harris	6-1	185	Highland Springs	HighlandSprings, VA
Jamario O'Neal	6-1	180	Glenville	Cleveland, OH
Kenneth Phillips	6-2	195	Carol City	Miami, FL
Syd Quan Thompson	5-11	175	Grant	Sacramento,CA
Clarence Ward	6-0	175	La Marque	La Marque, TX
Derrick Williams	6-1	188	Roosevelt	Greenbelt, MD

OTHER PREP SENIORS TO WATCH

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QUARTERBACKS		
Mackenzi Adams	Union	Tulsa, OK
Harrison Beck	Countryside	Clearwater, FL
Mychal Belcher	Dorman	Spartanburg, SC
Andrew Brewer	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Cody Broadus	Warwick	Newport News, VA
Jarrett Brown	P. Beach Lakes	W. Palm Beach, FL
Blake Byford	North	Edmond, OK
Joe Cox	Independence	Charlotte, NC
Jonathan Crompton	Erwin	Asheville, NC
Steve Day	Santa Fe	Edmond, OK
Gene DelleDonne	Salesianum	Wilmington, DE
Travis Dixon	Hamilton	Chandler, AZ
Jarrett Dunston	Raleigh	Raleigh, SC
Duran Ferguson	Dobyns-Bennett	Kingsport, TN
Matt Grothe	Lake Gibson	Lakeland, FL
Arkelon Hall	Edison	Fresno, CA
Carlton Hill	Jefferson County	Monticello, FL
Tony Hobson	Jim Hill	Jackson, MS
Tyler Horne	Newnan	Newnan, GA
Marcel Jones	Simley	Inver Grove Hts., MN
Kevin Leady	Eastwood	Pemberville, OH
Colt McCoy	Jim Ned	Tuscola, TX
Kellen Moriarty	Dos Pueblos	Goleta, CA
Jake Owens	Wolfson	Jacksonville, FL
Derek Pegues	South Panola	Batesville, MS
Eric Peterman	S. Heart-Griffin	Springfield, IL
Sean Price	Maine South	Park Ridge, IL
Jared Prince	North Kipsap	Poulsbo, WA
Terrance Ransom	Monroe	Albany, GA
Oscar Rashan	Garey	Pomona, CA
Clay Richeson	Harrison	Farmington Hills, MI
Bobby Rome	Granby	Norfolk, VA
Mark Sanchez	Mission Viejo	Mission Viejo, CA
Rob Schoenhoft	St. Xavier	Cincinnati, OH
Garrett Seeger	Barrington	Barrington, IL
Evan Sharpley	Marshall	Marshall, MI
Nate Sowers	Martinsburg	Martinsburg, WV
Karsten Swenn	Burroughs	Ridgecrest, CA
Alex Thompson	Buchholz	Gainesville, FL
Chris Todd	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown, KY
Matt Vaughn	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Ike Whitaker	Northwest	Germantown, MD
Bo Williamson	Cummings	Burlington, NC
RUNNING BACKS		
Matt Asiata	Hunter	Salt Lake City, UT
Kalvin Bailey	Armwood	Seffner, FL
Kahlil Bell	Marin Catholic	Kentfield, CA
Jeremy Bibbs	Northwest Rankin	Pelehatchie, MS
Terrence Blevins	Denby	Detroit, MI
Edward Britton	Montwood	El Paso, TX
Antoine Brown	Portage	Portage, IN
Freddie Carolina	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Matt Castor	Linganore	Frederick, MD
Jamaal Charles	Memorial	Port Arthur, TX
Chris Clancy	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Matt Clapp	Paradise Valley	Phoenix, AZ
Lamarcus Coker	Antioch	Antioch, TN
Conredge Collins	Pace	Miami, FL
James Davis	Douglas	Atlanta, GA
Marcus Davis	Albemarle	Albemarle, NC
Mickey Dean	Central	Little Rock, AR
Jarvis Drayton	West Centennial Port	St. Lucie, FL
Jamelle Eugene	Naples	Naples, FL
Spencer Farley	Morgantown	Morgantown, WV
Ovid Goulbourne	Easton	Easton, PA
Marcus Green	Bastrop	Bastrop, LA
Morgan Green	Lackey	Indian Head, MD
Maurice Greer	Mullen	Denver, CO
Josh Gregory	Fayette County	Fayetteville, TN
Monterio Hardesty	New Bern	New Bern, NC
Albert Harris	Austin-East	Knoxville, TN
J. R. Hasty	Bellevue	Bellevue, WA
Chris Hawkins	Walker	Walker, LA
Bob Ili	Gilbert	Gilbert, AZ
Daniel Jackson	Florence	Florence, AL
Darrick Jackson	Escondido	Escondido, CA
Leon Jackson	Pasco	Pasco, WA
Terrence Jackson	Penncrest	Media, PA
Eugene Jarvis	Central Catholic	Pittsburgh, PA
Wolfver Jean-Pierre	Bergen Catholic	Oradell, NJ
A. J. Jimmerson	Hazelwood Central	Florissant, MO
Jeremiah Johnson	Dorsey	Los Angeles, CA
Paul Johnson	Snowflake	Snowflake, AZ
Gerald Jones	Pawnee	Pawnee, OK
Deji Karim	Putnam North	Oklahoma City, OK
Javorski Lane	Lufkin	Lufkin, TX
Matt Lee	St. Bonaventure	Ventura, CA
Orlando Lewis	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Dominique Lindsay	Independence	Charlotte, NC
Martray Littlejohn	Crest	Shelby, NC
Darrell Lloyd	Ft. Zumwalt	North O'Fallon, MO
Terry Longbons	Centennial	Peoria, AZ
James Mallory	Kenmore West	Buffalo, NY
Dray Mason	Chatard	Indianapolis, IN
Desmond Mayes	Normangee	Normangee, TX
Darren McFadden	Oak Grove	Pulaski, AR
Andrew McMillen	North Allegheny	Wexford, PA
Lamar McPherson	Bishop McDevitt	Wyncote, PA

Ryan Perrilloux
East St. John HS, Reserve, LA

RICKY SONGY

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offers before ending his junior year. Last season, Reynolds charted 96 tackles in 10 games, including 12 for losses and six sacks, plus an interception return for a score. Doubling as a fullback, he rushed 35 times for 395 yards.

Jenks High has had the top program in Oklahoma the last several years and returns the state's Defensive Player of the Year in Phillip Dillard. He recorded 90 tackles, including five for losses and four sacks for a 12-2 state Class 6A championship team.

Two California 'backers are cited. Rey Maualuga led Eureka High to a 13-0 record last season with 146 tackles, 43 for losses, including 11 sacks. Luther Brown is drawing widespread attention at Lakewood High.

The top prospect in Wisconsin is Travis Beckum of Oak Creek High, a second-team all-stater as a junior.

Bergen Catholic is a perennial contender in New Jersey and the Oradell-based school returns first-team all-stater Brian Cushing. He had 120 tackles, with 10 for losses, 9.5 sacks and two interceptions as a junior. He also doubled as a wide receiver.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Some observers rank Derrick Williams of Roosevelt High in Greenbelt, Md., as the nation's No. 1 prospect after he mastered multiple positions last season, including wide receiver, quarterback, kick returner and defensive back. Williams accounted for 2,910 offensive yards in 2003, plus 1,363 rushing yards and 22 TDs on 163 carries. He also returned one of three interceptions for a score, a blocked punt for a TD and had two kick-return scores.

Syd Quan Thompson of Grant High in Sacramento was named California Junior Player of the Year by *Cal-Hi Sports* magazine after registering impressive all-around numbers last season. He had 79 tackles and three interceptions and was a productive return man. He ran back 11 punts for 316 yards and three TDs and returned eight kickoffs for 244 yards and a score.

Florida's top prospect might be Kenneth Phillips of defending state Class 6A champion Carol City High of Miami. He had 48 tackles and seven pass interceptions last season.

In Virginia, Victor Harris of Highland Springs was a two-way standout and 2003 all-stater. On defense, he had eight interceptions and 45 tackles. On offense, he averaged 11.9 yards rushing per carry with 2,210 yards and 37 TDs.

Clarence Ward helped 16-0 La Marque (Texas) High win the state Class 4A-II title last season before accepting an LSU scholarship offer. The all-stater, who may also play quarterback this fall, had four defensive touchdowns and intercepted five passes.

The No. 1 skill player in Ohio could be defensive back Jamario O'Neal of Cleveland's Glenville High, which has had other secondary players honored by *Street & Smith's* the last three seasons. The Ohio State recruit played only four games for the Tarblooders last season after a transfer from Mansfield (Ohio) High.

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
J. R. Moore	Carl Albert	Midwest City, OK
Sean Morris	Thunderbird	Phoenix, AZ
Ar'mon Ned	Flanagan	Pembroke Pines, FL
Paul O'Hara	Dixie County	Cross City, FL
Francis Ojukwu	Stockdale	Bakersfield, CA
Da'Marean Pullen	Putnam City	Oklahoma City, OK
Taylor Rank	Evergreen	Vancouver, WA
Matt Reidy	Damascus	Damascus, MD
Travis Rhone	Washington	Cedar Rapids, IA
Ray Rice	New Rochelle	New Rochelle, NY
Javon Ringer	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH
Antonio Robinson	Winnfield	Winnfield, LA
Corey Robertson	Denison	Denison, TX
Tyrone Ross	Lee	Tyler, TX
Darren Seiwert	Conway Springs	Conway Springs, KS
Adam Shrewsbury	Middletown	Middletown, DE
Mister Simpson	Colerain	Cincinnati, OH
Billy Smith	Lincoln	Stockton, CA
Xavier Smith	Sunnyside	Tucson, AZ
Jesse Spartichino	Lexington	Lexington, MA
Tyrell Sutton	Hoban	Akron, OH
Kelvin Turner	Danville	Danville, KY
Bobby Wallace	Conway	Conway, SC
Jason White	Charlestown	Charlestown, MA
Jerrell Wilkerson	Clark	San Antonio, TX
Javarris Williams	Foster	Richmond, TX
Briceton Wilson	Wakulla	Crawfordville, FL
Anthony Wiseman	DeMatha	Hyattsville, MD
Tony Wright	Peach County	Fort Valley, GA
Chris Zardas	St. John's	Danvers, MA

UTILITY PLAYERS

Tony Aker	Brown Deer	Brown Deer, WI
Ryan Allison	Lake Orion	Lake Orion, MI
Avery Atkins	Mainland	Daytona Beach, FL
Antonio Bass	Jackson	Jackson, MI
Steven Black	Vestavia Hills	Vestavia Hills, AL
Tres Bradley	Cass Tech	Detroit, MI
Mike Brown	St. Peter's	New Brunswick, NJ
Jairus Byrd	Clayton	Clayton, MO
Sam Cotton	Newark	Newark, DE
Alex Daniels	Marion Franklin	Columbus, OH
Brandis Dew	Hemet	Hemet, CA
Byron Eaton	Lincoln	Dallas, TX
Michael Ray Garvin	Don Bosco	Ramsey, NJ
Justin Gore	North	Olathe, KS
Rich Gunnell	Notre Dame	Trenton, NJ
Anthony Gutierrez	De La Salle	Concord, CA
Jerome Hayes	Bayonne	Bayonne, NJ
Willie Harriott	Hyde	New Haven, CT
Brian Hartline	Glen Oak	Canton, OH
Xavier Hicks	Fullerton	Fullerton, CA
George Hypolite	Loyola	Los Angeles, CA
Terrance Jamison	Thornton	Harvey, IL
Anthony Johnson	Provine	Jackson, MS
Cedric Johnson	Americus	Americus, GA
Andre Jones	East	Olathe, KS
Felix Jones	Washington	Tulsa, OK
Jeff Jones	St. Mary's	Rutherford, NJ
Steve Korte	Fontainebleau	Mandeville, LA
Casey Lynn	Kingfisher	Kingfisher, OK
Henry Melton	Grapevine	Grapevine, TX
Chris Plum	Catholic	Gloucester, NJ
Steve Quinn	St. Joseph's	Philadelphia, PA
Reggie Rock	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
John Saunders	Cabell Midland	Ona, WV
Steve Slaton	Conwell-Egan	Fairless Hills, PA
Brandon Smith	Boyle County	Danville, KY
Trevyn Smith	Springville	Springville, UT
Alex Suber	Jefferson	Tampa, FL
Jamie Stewart	Central	East Chicago, IN
Lucas Taylor	Carencro	Lafayette, LA
Dave Thomas	Riverdale	Murfreesboro, TN
Marcus Turner	Peoria	Peoria, AZ
Rahoo Walker	Hempstead	Hempstead, NY
Aaron Ware	Oaks Christian	Westlake Village, CA
Sean Wasson	Interboro	Prospect Park, PA
Carter Whitson	Shawnee	Oklahoma City, OK
Matt Williams	Riverside	Avon, MS

WIDE RECEIVERS

Ryan Allison	Lake Orion	Lake Orion, MI
Greg Applegate	Harlan	Harlan, IA
Steve Benjamin	Leo	Chicago, IL
Montez Billings	Pelham	Pelham, AL
Nyan Boateng	Lincoln	Brooklyn, NY
Patrick Brown	Monroe	Albany, GA
Bryant Carpenter	Edgewater	Orlando, FL
Jeremy Childs	Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos, CA
Mike Claussin	West Spring.	Springfield, VA
Ryan Dawson	South	Parkersburg, WV
Mason Duiett	Hoover	Hoover, AL
Stewart Franks	Central	Little Rock, AR
Marquis Hamilton	North	Edmond, OK
Jesse Hester Jr.	Wellington	W. Palm Beach, FL
Eric Higgins	Conway	Conway, SC
D. J. Hord	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
Eric Huggins	Conway	Conway, SC
Reynaldo Hunter	Byrnes	Duncan, SC
Desean Jackson	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Bobby Johnson	Camden Military	Camden, SC
Malcolm Kelly	Longview	Longview, TX
Mike Koster	Lowell	Lowell, MI
Nick Kyles	Baldwin	Milledgeville, GA
Selwyn Lymon	Harding	Ft. Wayne, IN
Chaz Miles	Central	Pueblo, CO
Michael Moore	N. Broward Prep	Coconut Creek, FL
Orlando Moore	Morgan Park	Chicago, IL
Howard Morrow	Fossil Ridge	Keller, TX
Blair Newman	Caesar Rodney	Wyoming, DE
Todd Nolan	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Rod Owens	Wolfson	Jacksonville, FL
Tommy Pettit	Kenton	Kenton, OH
David Reinke	Broken Arrow	Broken Arrow, OK
Zach Robinson	Chatfield	Littleton, CO
Brian Robiske	Chagrin Falls	Chagrin Falls, OH
Rocky Ross	Bolles	Jacksonville, FL
Jamal Ruffin	Scotland	Scotland, PA
Talonnie Russell	St. M. DePorres	Detroit, MI
Rendrick Taylor	Marlboro County	Bennettsville, SC
Jamil Turner	Bethel	Spanaway, WA
Patrick Turner	Goodpasture	Madison, TN
Austin Usher	Jefferson	Los Angeles, CA
Donald Washington	Franklin Central	Indianapolis, IN
Sean Whalen	Sheehan	Wallingford, CT
Lamon Williams	Dobyns-Bennett	Kingsport, TN
Marcus Wilson	Camden Catholic	Cherry Hill, NJ

TIGHT ENDS

Martellus Bennett	Taylor	Alief, TN
Tyler Blum	Walnut	Walnut, IA
Derrick Catlett	Fort Collins	Fort Collins, CO
Chase Coffman	Peculiar	Raymore, MO
Mike Condon	Victor	Victor, NY
Jimmy Dray	Bergen Catholic	Oradell, NJ
Marc Fabriano	Scotch Plains	Scotch Plains, NJ
Alex Field	Broad Run	Ashland, VA
Stephen Gowland	Parkview	Lilburn, GA
Garrett Graham	Brick Memorial	Brick, NJ
Jonathan Hannah	South View	Hope Mills, NC
Derek Hardman	Roane County	Spencer, WV
Charles Hoke	Briarwood Chr.	Birmingham, AL
David Johnson	Alta	Sandy, UT
Chris Joppru	Minnetonka	Minnetonka, MN
Eric Lorig	Peninsula	Rolling Hills Estates, CA
Anthony Moeaki	Warrenville	So. Wheaton, IL
John Phillips	Bath County	Hot Springs, VA
Zach Potter	Creighton Prep	Omaha, NE
Jim Ramella	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
Tommy Trott	Trinity	Trinity, AL
Scott Uziel	Frankling Reg.	Murrysville, PA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Joe Akers	Hereford	Parkton, MD
Thomas Austin	Camden	Camden, SC
Paul Backowski	Foley	Foley, MN
Christopher Barney	Northwestern	Miami, FL
Joseph Birdsong	Montgomery Bell	Nashville, TN
Ciron Black	Robert E. Lee	Tyler, TX
Kevin Bemoli	Mission Viejo	Mission Viejo, CA
Joe Bernardi	Flagstaff	Flagstaff, AZ
Jeff Brown	Daphne	Daphne, AL
John Brown	Burrell	Lower Burrell, PA
Taylor Burch	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, KY
Jerrod Butler	Allen	Allen, TX
Richard Clark	Seabreeze	Daytona Beach, FL
Jim Cordle	Lancaster	Lancaster, OH
Andre Crouch	Richmond Senior	Rockingham, NC
Roberto Davis	Copperas Cove	Copperas Cove, TX
Anthony Dunning	Coffeeville	Coffeeville, AL
Steve Elinessen	Crown Point	Crown Point, IN
Joey Ellis	Brownwood	Brownwood, TX
Rafael Eubanks	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
Andre Farr	Pell City	Pell City, AL
Nate Fehr	Millard North	Omaha, NE
Jason Flacco	Arrowhead	Hartland, WI
Nick Forte	Brentwood Academy	Brentwood, TN
Tim Freitag	York	Elmhurst, IL
Robbie Frost	Stratford	Houston, TX
Bradley Guillory	Carencro	Lafayette, LA
Dusty Green	Hart	Newhall, CA
Lee Grimes	Brownwood	Brownwood, TX
A. J. Haas	Copley	Copley, OH
Chris Hall	Irving	Irving, TX
Phillip Harrison	Highland	Albuquerque, NM
Cole Harvey	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL
Zach Haulman	Altoona	Altoona, PA
Eddie Haupt	Merritt Island	Merritt Island, FL
Eric Hedstrom	Prospect	Mt. Prospect, IL
Zach Hennis	Jonathan Alder	Plain City, OH
Jacob Hickman	Centennial	Bakersfield, CA
Brandon Jackson	Potomac	Oxon Hill, MD
David Jovin	East Valley	Redlands, CA
Andy Kemp	Menasha	Menasha, WI
Chuck Kinney	Lincoln	Council Bluff, IA
Dennis Landolt	Holy Cross	Delran, NJ
Aleksey Lanis	Crenshaw	Los Angeles, CA
Andrew Lewis	Joplin	Joplin, MO
Wes Lokey	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg, VA
Matt Lowry	Cardinal O'Hara	Springfield, PA
Andy Lozano	Francis Howell	St. Charles, MO
Maurice Lucas	Rangeview	Aurora, IL
Steve Marchelle	Preble	Green Bay, WI
Kurt Mattes	Wyoming Valley	W. Plymouth, PA
Dave McClain	Central Bucks	So. Doylestown, PA
David Moosman	Libertyville	Libertyville, IL
Reid Neely	Jackson Academy	Jackson, MS
Tony North	North Stafford	Stafford, VA
Michael Ohler	Briarcrest Chr.	Memphis, TN
Charlie Pike	All Saints	Bay City, MI
Eric Poag	North	Evansville, IN
Malcolm Rawls	East	Memphis, TN
Brandon Richardson	New Brighton	New Brighton, PA
Dace Richardson	Warrenville	So. Wheaton, IL
Nick Riley	Houston County	Warner Robins, GA
Jarrell Robinson	Paterson Cath.	Paterson, NJ
Brian Roche	Don Bosco	Ramsey, NJ
Sergio Render	Newnan	Newnan, GA
Justin Schifano	Schroeder	Webster, NY
Jason Schumard	Harker Heights	Harker Heights, TX
Kevin Shatrud	Brodhead/Juda	Brodhead, WI
Blake Sheil	Centreville	Clifton, VA
Michard Shumard	Harker Heights	Harker Heights, TX
R. C. Smith	Gallatin	Gallatin, TN
Kenton Stevens	Owasso	Owasso, OK
Trevor Stewart	Circle	Towanda, KS
James Stigall	Blue Springs	Blue Springs, MO
Darnyl Suttle	Broad Ripple	Indianapolis, IN
Blake Taylor	Brighton	Salt Lake City, UT
Morgan Thomas	Parkland	Allentown, PA
Michael Trice	Holy Trinity	Hicksville, NY
A. J. Trump	Central Catholic	Clearwater, FL
James Tyson	Killeen	Killeen, TX
Chris Vaccaro	Bishop McNamara	Kankakee, IL
Jose Valdez	St. Francis	St. Francis, WI
Eric Vanden Heuvel	Hudson	Hudson, WI
Jon Walko	Seneca Valley	Germantown, MD
Tim Walter	Loyola	Los Angeles, CA
Marcus Washington	Bolton	Alexandria, LA
Jesse White	Mullen Prep	Denver, CO
Kevin Wiggins	Dunbar	Washington, DC
Bryan Williams	Danville	Danville, KY
Ronnie Wilson	Ely	Pompano Beach, FL
Dain Wise	Carl Albert	Midwest City, OK
Chaz Wright	Decatur	Decatur, GA

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Fev'ae'i AhMu	Serra	San Diego, CA
Melvin Alaeze	Randallstown	Randallstown, MD
Bernard Afutiti	Kaiser	Fontana, CA
Trevor Anderson	Crockett	Detroit, MI
Lorenzo Arenas	North Medford	Medford, OR
Walker Ashley	Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie, MN
Rolando Barragan	Morningside	Inglewood, CA
Cameron Bradfield	Creston	Grand Rapids, MI
Callahan Bright	Harrilton	Bryn Mar, PA
Cody Cielenski	North	Downers Grove, IL
Antonio Coleman	Williamson	Mobile, AL
Tyrone Davis	Olympia	Olympia, WA
Todd Denlinger	Troy	Troy, OH
Louis Ellis	Lanier	Jackson, MS
Dustin Finn	Westmoore	Oklahoma City, OK
Christian Fleming	Strong Vincent	Erie, PA
David Friday	Phoebus	Hampton, VA
Frank Haliburton	Chatard	Indianapolis, IN
Brandon Haywood	St. Joseph	Montvale, NJ
Raymond Henderson	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Antwon Hight	McKinley	Canton, OH
Lyle Hitt	Parkview Baptist	Baton Rouge, LA
Donald Horton	DeSoto	DeSoto, TX
David Howard	Oakland Mills	Columbia, MD
Anthony Jackson	Sumner	St. Louis, MO
Terrance Jamison	Thornton	Harvey, IL
Ricky Jean-Francois	Carol City	Miami, FL
Lemuel JeanPierre	Timber Creek	Orlando, FL
Al Jones	St. Augustine	New Orleans, LA

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Arthur Jones	Union-Endicott	Endicott, NY
Matt Kopa	Elk Grove	Elk Grove, CA
Josh Leuck	Westside	Omaha, NE
Aaron Lewis	La Cueva	Albuquerque, NM
Matt Lewis	Mainland	Daytona Beach, FL
Cage Major	Davidson Chr.	Nashville, TN
James McKinney	Central	Louisville, KY
Manuel Mendoza	Evergreen	Seattle, WA
Dominique Midgett	Dudley	Greensboro, NC
Justin Mincey	Charlton County	Folkston, GA
Kyle Moore	Houston County	Warner Robins, GA
Jeremy Navarre	Joppatowne	Joppa, MD
Kyle Newell	Bethlehem Cath.	Bethlehem, PA
Jeff Owens	Plantation	Plantation, FL
Augustus Parrish	Potomac	Oxon Hill, MD
Mateale Pauu	Mira Costa	Manhattan Beach,CA
J. D. Paxson	Center Grove	Greenwood, IN
Chris Perkins	Riverdale	Murfreesboro, TN
Dan Peterson	Centennial	Boise, ID
Jerrell Powe	Wayne County	Waynesboro, MS
Brandon Perry	Hawkinsville	Hawkinsville, GA
Justin Reese	Mira Costa	Manhattan Beach,CA
Antwain Robinson	Central	Little Rock, AR
Rashad Roussell	Hahnville	Boutte, LA
Rudy Schaffroth	Clackamas	Clackamas, OR
Zach Schreiber	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA
Marcus Shavers	Allen	Allen, TX
Allan Smith	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
Averill Spicer	Rancho Cucamonga	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Cam Thomas	North Moore	Robbins, NC
Mark Thompson	Donelson Chr.	Nashville, TN
Ed Wang	Stone Bridge	Fairfax, VA
Kade Weston	Red Bank	Little Silver, NJ
Vincent Williams	Carter	Dallas, TX
Doug Worthington	St. Francis	Athol Springs, NY
Jared Zwilling	Central	Evansville, IN

LINEBACKERS

Tre Allen	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
William Alo	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Spencer Adkins	Naples	Naples, FL
Pat Angerer	Bettendorf	Bettendorf, IA
Matt Ansley	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA
Ryan Bain	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
Darry Beckwith	Parkview Baptist	Baton Rouge, LA
Scooter Berry	North Babylon	North Babylon, NY
Tray Blackmon	La Grange	La Grange, GA
Lamar Brumfield	Carson	Carson, CA
Frank Burrell	Hazelwood Central	Florissant, MO
Reynard Camp	Lincoln	Stockton, CA
Chris Collins	Texarkana	Texarkana, TX
Zac Cooper	Weir	Weirton, WV
Todd Cox	Harding Academy	Memphis, TN
Brock Christopher	Kearney	Kearney, MO
Maurice Covington	Southern Durham	Durham, NC
Jordan Cruz	Hutchinson	Hutchinson, KS
Mike Dell	Lower Dauphin	Hummelstown, PA
Darius Dewberry	Peach County	Fort Valley, GA
Jon Demps	Washington	Pensacola, FL
Ross Diehl	Douglas County	Castle Rock, CO
Terrance Flagg	Bay City	Bay City, TX
Dustin Forston	Carol City	Miami, FL
Cody Glenn	Rusk	Rusk, TX
Darryl Gresham	William Fleming	Roanoke, VA
A. J. Haase	North County	Bonne Terre, MO
Prince Hall	Moreno Valley	Moreno Valley, CA
Geno Hayes	Madison County	Madison, FL
Jerome Hayes	Bayonne	Bayonne, NJ
Earl Heyman	Ballard	Louisville, KY
Johnny Holmes	Rockledge	Rockledge, FL
Chris Jeske	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Alex Kanellis	West	Iowa City, IA
Devin Kearse	Denmark-Olar	Denmark, SC
Andy Keith	Creighton Prep	Omaha, NE
Xavier Kelley	Ryan	Denton, TX
Tom Korte	Catholic Central	Grand Rapids, MI
Freddie Lenix	Glenville	Cleveland, OH
Adam Leonard	Rainier Beach	Seattle, WA
Curtis Lofton	Kingfisher	Kingfisher, OK
Brandon Logan	Catholic	Lexington, KY
Mark Lucas	Tigard	Tigard, OR
Josh Mahoney	O'Gorman	Sioux Falls, SD
Anthony Marsano	Harding	Marion, OH
Zach Mason	Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge, IA
Darrius Massenburg	Roanoke Rapids	Roanoke Rapids, NC
Andre Mathis	Cathedral Prep	Erie, PA
Rico McCoy	St. John's	Washington, DC
A. J. Montalvo	The Woodlands	The Woodlands, TX
Daniel Moore	O'Fallon	O'Fallon, IL
Roddrick Mucklroy	Hallsville	Hallsville, TX
Derek Nicholson	Mt. Tabor	Winston-Salem, NC
Tim Reed	Evanston	Evanston, IL
Andre Revels	Colerain	Cincinnati, OH
Lamont Robinson	Salem	Salem, NJ
Joe Russo	Proctor	Utica, NY
Marvin Sapp	Sandalwood	Jacksonville, FL
Deveon Simmons	Landstown	Virginia Beach, VA
Eric Small	Central	Naperville, IL
Brady Smith	Loyola	Baltimore, MD
Mike Stenclik	Schroeder	Webster, NY
Ernest Williams	Monessen	Monessen, PA
Reed Williams	Moorefield	Moorefield, WV
Ronnie Williams	Arroyo	El Monte, CA
Louis Woodward	Springbrook	Silver Spring, MD

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Avery Atkins	Mainland	Daytona Beach, FL
Cary Baker	Notre Dame	Sherman Oaks, CA
Greg Boone	Oscar Smith	Portsmouth, VA
Brandon Breeden	Richmond Senior	Rockingham, NC
Ryan Brinson	McKinley	Canton, OH
Mike Brown	St. Peters Prep	Jersey City, NJ
C. J. Byrd	North Augusta	Augusta, SC
Chris Chancellor	Edison	Miami, FL
Keenan Clayton	Sulphur Springs	Sulphur Springs,TX
Marcus Council	Garfield	Akron, OH
Kendall Davis	Alliance	Alliance, OH
Trevor Dismukes	East St. Louis	East St. Louis, IL
Jamal Garner	Roanoke Rapids	Roanoke Rapids, NC
Will Harris	Charter Oak	West Covina, CA
Brandon Harrison	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH
Nathan Irby	Dunbar	Baltimore, MD
Leon Jackson	Pasco	Pasco, WA
Michael Jean	Norland	Miami, FL
Brad Jones	McKinley	Canton, OH
Dominic Jones	Brookhaven	Columbus, OH
Chris Keys	Port Barre	Port Barre, LA
Shane Laurie	Kickapoo	Springfield, MO
Jubulani Lovelace	Tenafly	Tenafly, NJ
Korey Mangum	La Marque	La Marque, TX
Warren McFadden	Ely	Pompano Beach, FL
Adam Myers-White	Hamilton	Hamilton, OH
Ishie Oduegwu	Ryan	Denton, TX
Ricky Phillips	Spring Valley	Huntington, WV
Chris Proctor	Gulf Breeze	Gulf Breeze, FL
Cory Reimer	Hoover	Hoover, AL
Melvin Rice	Morgan Park	Chicago, IL
Gary Riggs	Jennings	Jennings, LA
A. J. Scott	Palm Springs	Palm Springs, CA
Gerrod Sinclair	Mandarin	Jacksonville, FL
Terrell Smith	Clay-Chalkville	Pinson, AL
Darlron Spead	Camden County	Kingsland, GA
Matt Taylor	Springdale	Springdale, AR
Jamie Thompson	Northwestern	Rock Hill, SC
Kevin Thornton	Central	Little Rock, AR
Todd Walker	Pflugerville	Pflugerville, TX
Antonio Wardlow	Parkland	Winston-Salem, NC
Aaron Ware	Oaks Christian Westlake	Village,CA
Michael Washington	Allendale-Fairfax	Fairfax, SC
Brian Williams	Buchtel	Akron, OH
Marcus Wilson	Camden Catholic	Cherry Hill, NJ
Bart Woodward	Merrillville	Merrillville, IN

KICKERS

Mike Benzer	Lyman	Longwood, FL
Justin Brantly	Sealy	Sealy, TX
Jake Brownell	West Deptford	Westville, NJ
Jordan Congdon	St. Augustine	San Diego, CA
Chris Desautels	Broadneck	Annapolis, MD
Alberto Diaz	Crockett County	Alamo, TN
Halley Farrell	DeLand	DeLand, FL
Brandon Fetterolf	Midland	Midland, MI
Scott Hillary	Picayune	Picayune, MS
Kevin Kelly	Neshaminy	Langhorne, PA
Joe Kleinsmith	St. Edward	Cleveland, OH
Zack Kutch	Milton	Milton, FL
Brandon Lane	Southeast Guilford	Greensboro, NC
Reid Macko	Armwood	Seffner, FL
Ken Meier	Pittsburg	Pittsburg, KS
Pat Shadle	Morgantown	Morgantown, WV
Joe Surgan	St. Tho. Aquinas	Ft. Lauderdale,FL
Mason Thomas	Eureka	Eureka, CA
Troy Van Blarcom	Lutheran	Orange, CA
Nick Williams	Rose	Greenville, NC
Ace Younggren	Snohomish	Snohomish, WA

50 JUNIORS TO WATCH

By Doug Huff

ALABAMA
Jim Caldwell, P, Oxford
Bart Eddins, DL, Trinity

ARIZONA
Jermaine Williams, RB-DL, Phoenix Maryvale

ARKANSAS
Mark Mitchell, QB, Texarkana
Van Stumon, DE, North Little Rock

CALIFORNIA
Chandler Clemons, QB, El Dorado Hills Oak Ridge
Toby Gerhart, RB, Norco
Michael Herrick, QB, Valencia
Stafon Johnson, RB, Los Angeles Dorsey
Chane Moline, FB, Mission Viejo
A. J. Simmons, FB-LB, Oakland Bishop O'Dowd
Joey Trombetta, RB-DB, Petaluma Casa Grande

FLORIDA
Riley Cooper, DB, Clearwater Central Catholic
Dexter Davidson, QB, Coconut Creek North Broward Prep
Lorenzo Edwards, DB, Orlando Edgewater
Brandon Heath, WR, Palm Beach Lakes
Jamar Hornsby, DB, Jacksonville Sandalwood
Javarris James, RB, Immokalee
Terry Jones, RB, Miami Carol City
Dougie Thompson, LB, Seffner Armwood

GEORGIA
Marcus Bell, DB, Stone Mountain Stephenson

INDIANA
A.J. Edds, LB, Greenwood

MARYLAND
Andrew Phillips, OL, Georgetown Prep

MISSISSIPPI
Ro'Derrick Brown, LB, Miss. School for Deaf

NEBRASKA
Ryan Fisicaro, RB, Omaha Creighton Prep

NEVADA
Eric Jordan, RB, Las Vegas
DeMarco Murray, RB, Las Vegas Bishop Gorman

NEW JERSEY
Michael Gee, DE, Ramsey Don Bosco
Knowshon Moreno, RB, Middletown South
Myron Rolle, RB, Hightstown Peddie School

NEW YORK
Dan Randall, LB, Salem

NORTH CAROLINA
Tavares Brown, DE, Rockingham Richmond County

OHIO
Nate Davis, QB, Bellaire
Ross Homan, LB, Coldwater
David Lighty, WR-DB, Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph
Chris Wells, RB-LB, Akron Garfield

OKLAHOMA
Jermaine Gresham, WR, Ardmore

PENNSYLVANIA
Rich Lee, TE-LB, Slipeery Rock
Jason Kolodziej, LB, Pittsburgh Thomas Jefferson
LeSean McCoy, RB, Harrisburg Bishop McDevitt
Darrin Walls, DB, Pittsburgh Woodland Hills

TEXAS
Jamaal Evans, RB, Irving
Sergio Kindle, RB, Dallas Wilson
Justin Pierce, OL, Tom Bean
Jackie Robinson, RB, Marshall
Matthew Stafford, QB, Dallas Highland Park

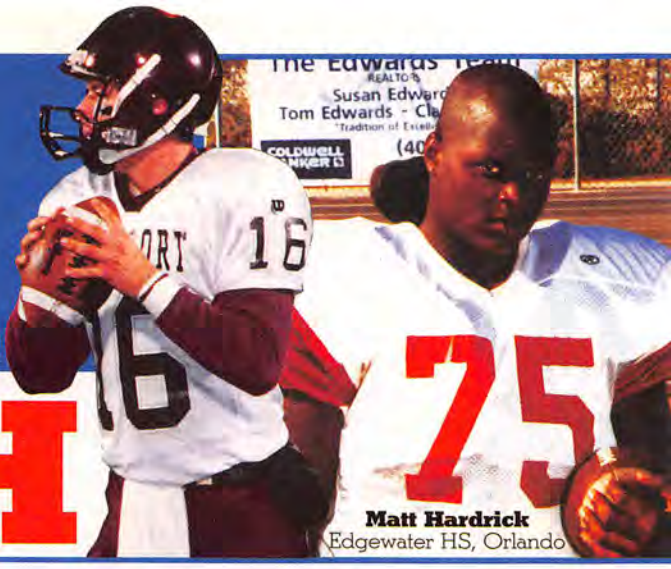
VIRGINIA
Evan Royster, RB, Chantilly Westfield

WASHINGTON
Skylar Jessen, RB, Spokane Mead

WEST VIRGINIA
Trevor Marcum, LB-TE, Wayne

WISCONSIN
Travis Steckbauer, DL, Schofield D.C. Everest

25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH



Jake Christensen
Lockport (IL) HS

Matt Hardrick
Edgewater HS, Orlando

By Doug Huff

HOOVER, AL (14-1 in '03)

The Bucs return 40 lettermen, including seven offensive and four defensive starters from a team that will be seeking its third straight Class 6A title and fourth final berth in the last five years.

Key seniors include wide receiver Mason Duiett, free safety Cory Reimer, running back Cameron Campbell, defensive back Jahi-Word Daniels and versatile athlete Jared Bryant, who may be tested at quarterback. Top juniors are offensive lineman Brian Morgan, wide receiver Cornelius Williams and running back Chris Graham. Duiett caught 69 passes for 1,100 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

HAMILTON, CHANDLER, AZ (13-1)

The defending state Class 5A champions have five offensive and five defensive starters back to rate as Arizona's team to beat. Quarterback Travis Dixon passed for 1,888 yards and 23 TDs and rushed for 461 yards and seven scores last season. Other key veterans on hand include wide receiver Mekel Wesley, offensive tackles Ryan Tounemincher and Chris Hegge, defensive backs Daniel Hill and Jimmy Rodgers and linebacker Miles Posz.

CENTRAL, LITTLE ROCK, AR (14-0)

The Tigers are loaded this season to defend their state Class 5A title. Three all-staters headline a veteran team—defensive end Antwain Robinson, safety/split end Kevin Thornton and split end/defensive back Stewart Franks. Robinson had 12 sacks and Thornton 10 pass interceptions. Franks, the state finals' MVP, had 36 pass receptions for 721 yards and six TDs. Tailback Mickey Dean rushed for 1,252 yards and 20 TDs last season and is a top college prospect.

DE LA SALLE, CONCORD, CA (13-0)

The Spartans could be challenged this season to continue their national-record 151-game win streak, but one never rules out a team that has won the last four mythical national titles. Six starters, three on each side of the line, return, but there are major concerns over the offensive line and linebacking corps. Anthony Gutierrez, a starter in the secondary, probably will be the quarterback. Top defenders include cornerback Donnie Ryne and lineman Dan Hennessey.

HART, NEWHALL, CA (11-3)

The defending state Southern Section Division II titlist has 12 regulars—six each on offense and defense—returning to a top-flight program. Not returning, however, is quarterback Sean Norton, last season's state Player of the Year, according to *Cal-Hi Sports* magazine. Major returnees include wide receiver/defensive backs Ryan Wolfe and Evan Surratt and offensive linemen Zac Zimmerman and Dusty Green. Replacing Norton will be a key this season, but Hart's track record with quarterbacks is impressive.

MISSION VIEJO, CA (13-1)

The Diablos return several key contributors from a team whose 41-game winning streak ended in the Southern Section Division II title game. Quarterback Mark Sanchez completed nearly 75 percent of his passes and triggers the offense behind a line anchored by top tackle prospect Kevin Bemoli. The defensive line features Nick Reed and two junior twins who are battle-tested—fullback Chane Moline and offensive lineman Chase Moline. The schedule includes a game against Concord De La Salle.

CAROL CITY, MIAMI (14-1)

The defending state Class 6A champion returns five offensive starters and two prime-time defensive regulars in a repeat bid. Preseason All-America defensive back Kenneth Phillips is one of three all-staters back from last season. Others are defensive lineman Ricky Jean-Francois and touted junior running back Terry Jones. Junior Sedrick Bryant returns at quarterback. The offensive line is anchored by 320-pound Sherrod Brown. Depth is the main concern.

EDGEWATER, ORLANDO (12-3)

The Eagles have finished as Florida's Class 6A runner-up the last two years and appear ready to take the next step. With eight offensive and six defensive regulars plus the punter and placekicker returning, Edgewater should be in the mix. Preseason All-America offensive lineman Matt Hardrick anchors a front line that also includes tight end Bryant Carpenter and tackle Quinton Brown. Quarterback Michael Dunn passed for 1,900 yards and 20 TDs last season. Fullback Antonio Turner and wide receiver/defensive back Tyler Roberts also return, as does touted sophomore free safety Lorenzo Edwards.

MAINLAND, DAYTONA BEACH, FL (14-1)

The defending Class 5A state champ returns nine defensive starters and four offensive regulars among 30 veterans. All-state lineman Matt Lewis has recorded 41 sacks the last two seasons and anchors the defense. Other touted seniors include tight end/defensive end Brian Ellis, two-way back Avery Atkins, center Eddie Tabasky and four-year starting quarterback Jonathan Garner, the MVP of last year's state championship game. Help is also expected from last season's unbeaten junior varsity squad.

SANDALWOOD, JACKSONVILLE, FL (8-4)

Preseason All-America running back Maurice Wells, last year's leading rusher in the state of Florida, returns after gaining 3,075 yards in 2003. Wells is one of 18 starters (nine on each side of the line) back from last season. The defense will be bolstered by transfer Marvin Sapp, a top linebacker prospect. Other key players on hand include 350-pound offensive tackle Chris Daub, fullback/safety Cory Matthews, linebacker Jared Boehmke and touted junior cornerback/wide receiver Jamar Hornsby.

LOCKPORT, IL (12-2)

Thirteen returning starters, including nine on offense, are back as Lockport seeks a third straight state Class 8A championship. Leading the way is preseason All-America quarterback Jake Christensen, who passed for 3,047 yards and 30 touchdowns last season. Other key veterans include running back Dan Brady, wide receivers George Kedlec and Zack Lammar, center Jake Kobylarczyk,

offensive tackle Matt Boyce, defensive lineman Mike Shank and kicker Matt Ludwig.

BOYLE COUNTY, DANVILLE, KY (15-0)

The Rebels continue to reload after winning a state-record five consecutive Class 3A titles with a 73-2 record during that period. Sixteen starters return, including nine on defense and seven on offense. All-State quarterback Brandon Smith, the MVP in last season's state final, runs the attack for the third straight year. He passed for 2,971 yards and 40 touchdowns and rushed for 943 yards and 19 scores last season. Another key performer will be wide receiver/defensive back Greg Peck.

MUSKEGON, MI (9-2)

This tradition-laden program appears ready to contend again for state Division II honors with 40 veterans on hand, including six offensive and five defensive starters. Anchoring the squad is preseason All-America defensive lineman Terrance Taylor, a two-way player who's also a top-flight wrestler and power-lifter. Others returning include defensive backs Cordarro Hudgins and Dontae Wilson, wide receiver Anthony Crump and slotback Brock Chandler.

SOUTH PANOLA, BATESVILLE, MS (15-0)

Mississippi's defending Class 5A champions were dominated by underclassmen last season and return many of their major weapons. Included among those weapons are preseason All-America running back Marcus Griffin and all-state quarterback Derek Pegues. Griffin rushed for 1,837 yards and 19 TDs last season, while Pegues, also a top prospect, accounted for 2,730 yards and 44 TDs.

CREIGHTON PREP, OMAHA, NE (12-1)

This traditional state Class 1A contender is coming off a runner-up finish and will be a team to beat again. Returning are 25 lettermen, including seven offensive regulars and six from a defensive unit that features five three-year veterans. Anchoring the defense are University of Nebraska recruit Zach Potter, a two-way end, and middle linebacker Andy Keith. The offense is run by quarterback Dan Gorski behind center Craig Parent and two-way lineman Jake McGlade.

BERGEN CATHOLIC, ORADELL, NJ (10-2)

Seven offensive and eight defensive starters are back from last season's state Parochial Group 4 runner-up. Preseason All-America linebacker Brian Cushing doubles as a wide receiver. Other senior veterans on hand include linebacker/tight end Jim Dray, tailback/defensive back Wolfver Jean-Pierre, wide receiver Isaiah Williams, fullback Adam Watson and linebacker Brad Dussault. Top juniors are offensive tackle Evan Eastburn and defensive back Joe Dottino.

INDEPENDENCE, CHARLOTTE, NC (16-0)

The Patriots will be seeking to expand their 62-game win streak and capture a fifth straight state Class 4-AA title without longtime coach Tom Knotts, who was selected National Coach of the Year by *Student Sports Magazine* last season. Knotts departed for alma mater Duke University's football staff.

Still around, however, are 35 lettermen, including nine offensive and six defensive starters. All-staters Joe Cox and Mohammed Massaquoi lead the offense. Cox passed for 3,983 yards and 43 TDs in his first season of replacing current University of Florida QB Chris Leak. Preseason All-America wide receiver Massaquoi landed 87 passes for 1,518 yards and 23 TDs as a junior. Dominique Lindsay rushed for 1,851 yards and scored 32 TDs last season.

COLERAIN, CINCINNATI (12-1)

Fifteen regulars anchor Ohio's Division I team to beat this season. The Cardinals are 47-5 the last four years, including losses by a field goal, an extra point and a touchdown to the eventual state champions.

Key offensive starters back include running back Mister Simpson, who rushed for 1,683 yards as a junior, plus four linemen—Brad Zoz, Bryan Shelton, Connor Smith and Vince Forcellini. Wide receiver Dominick Goodman will move to quarterback. Third-year linebacker Andre Revels anchors the defense along with lineman Tirdell Byrd and backs Brayden Coombs and LeDominique Williams.

JENKS, OK (12-2)

The Trojans will be seeking their eighth state Class 6A title in the last nine years with 23 lettermen, including 14 starters, back from last season. State Defensive-Player-of-the-Year and preseason All-America linebacker Phillip Dillard returns to anchor the squad. Fleet-footed quarterback Andrew Brewer runs the offense, which includes running back Freddie Carolina, wide receiver Jesse Meyer, tight end Ben Cutten and junior tackle Chase Beeler. Another veteran linebacker is Matt Felty.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP, PHILADELPHIA (12-0)

"The Prep" will take a 35-game win streak into the season, with a schedule that includes perennial Ohio contender Cleveland St. Ignatius. Ten starters are among 23 lettermen back from last year, including senior wide receiver/linebacker Steve Quinn and fullback/linebacker Andrew Spross. Touted juniors include tailback John Shaw, defensive lineman/fullback Charlie Noonan and two-way end Matt Leddy.

RIVERDALE, MURFREESBORO, TN (12-3)

The Warriors are well-fortified to become the first team in Tennessee history to play in five straight state title games. Seventeen starters are back from a Class 5A runner-up squad, including two all-state honorees in quarterback/defensive back Dave Thomas and tight end/defensive end Chris Perkins. Junior tailback/defensive back Gaston Miller also earned all-region honors as a sophomore. The Warriors have been in eight state finals since 1993, winning crowns in 2001, 1997 and 1994.

CARROLL, SOUTHLAKE, TX (15-1)

The Dragons have lost only one game in two years—to Katy in last season's Class 5A-II title game. But Carroll is loaded again, with six offensive and five defensive starters on hand, and could contend for national and state honors. Preseason All-America quarterback Chase Daniel, the state 5A Player of the Year, passed for 3,722 yards and 42 TDs and rushed for 1,610 yards and 17 scores last season. Top runner Aaron Luna rushed for 1,600 yards and scored 42 TDs. Fleet junior wide receiver McKay Jacobson landed 70 passes as a sophomore. Offensive lineman Mitch Enright is a four-year starter. Outside linebacker Pete Fleps is coming off a good season.

RYAN, DENTON, TX (14-2)

The Raiders move up to Class 5A this season after winning two straight 4A-II crowns and appearing in three consecutive state finals. Ryan has eight offensive and six defensive regulars on hand. Top defenders include free safety Ishie Oduegwu and defensive end/linebacker Xavier Kelley. Quarterback Justin Willis runs the offense, with junior wide receiver Justin Fenty being his key target. Two veteran offensive linemen are center Sam Collins and tackle Josh Pulattie. The new district schedule includes Southlake Carroll, which has lost only one game in two years—in last year's 5A-II final.

PHOEBUS, HAMPTON, VA (10-2)

Six offensive and six defensive starters are among 15 veterans back from a team that averaged 51 points a game last season. Preseason All-America senior running back Elan Lewis, the *Student Sports Magazine* National Sophomore of the Year, rushed for 2,472 yards and scored 40 touchdowns last season. Junior quarterback Arron Ward passed for 15 TDs and rushed for eight scores. Other senior veterans include two-way end Steven Friday, two-way tackle Thomas Johnson, linebacker Stevon Moss and fullback B. J. Brown. Other top juniors are tight end Matt Wright and defensive back DeNathian Robinson.

D.C. EVEREST, SCHOFIELD, WI (14-0)

The defending state Division I champion Evergreens appear to be Wisconsin's team to beat again with six offensive and four defensive starters back from an unbeaten squad. Junior quarterback Mike Sierakowski tossed 27 TD passes last season. Wide receiver Chris Rutta and running back Judd Smith are battle-tested, as are offensive tackles Justin Mortensen and Rob Lawson. Defensive tackle Travis Steckbauer is a touted junior.

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Passing Efficiency *(minimum of 15 attempts per game)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Philip Rivers, North Carolina St.	SR	13	483	348	72.05	7	1.45	4491	9.30	34	7.04	170.5
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Ohio)	JR	14	495	342	69.09	10	2.02	4486	9.06	37	7.47	165.8
Matt Leinart, Southern California	SO	13	402	255	63.43	9	2.24	3556	8.85	38	9.45	164.5
Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St.	SR	14	446	276	61.88	7	1.57	4356	9.77	31	6.95	163.7
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minnesota	SR	13	250	158	63.20	5	2.00	2401	9.60	17	6.8	162.3
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	SO	12	389	277	71.21	7	1.80	3210	8.25	29	7.46	161.5
Jason White, Oklahoma	SR	14	451	278	61.64	10	2.22	3846	8.53	40	8.87	158.1
Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh	SR	13	413	247	59.81	14	3.39	3679	8.91	37	8.96	157.4
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	SR	10	263	159	60.46	6	2.28	2385	9.07	18	6.84	154.7
Kevin Kolb, Houston	FR	13	360	220	61.11	6	1.67	3131	8.70	25	6.94	153.8
Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado St.	SR	13	297	180	60.61	13	4.38	2845	9.58	19	6.4	153.4
Alex Smith, Utah	SO	11	266	173	65.04	3	1.13	2247	8.45	15	5.64	152.3
B.J. Symons, Texas Tech	SR	13	719	470	65.37	22	3.06	5833	8.11	52	7.23	151.3
Buck Pierce, New Mexico St.	JR	11	170	118	69.41	6	3.53	1510	8.88	7	4.12	150.6
Charlie Frye, Akron	JR	12	421	273	64.85	9	2.14	3549	8.43	22	5.23	148.6
Matt Mauck, LSU	JR	14	358	229	63.97	14	3.91	2825	7.89	28	7.82	148.2
Eli Manning, Mississippi	SR	13	441	275	62.36	10	2.27	3600	8.16	29	6.58	148.1
Jim Sorgi, Wisconsin	SR	12	248	140	56.45	9	3.63	2251	9.08	17	6.85	148.1
Matt Jones, Arkansas	JR	13	230	132	57.39	7	3.04	1917	8.33	18	7.83	147.1
Aaron Rodgers, California	SO	13	349	215	61.60	5	1.43	2903	8.32	19	5.44	146.6
Stefan Lefors, Louisville	JR	13	357	219	61.34	10	2.80	3145	8.81	17	4.76	145.5
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	SR	11	244	147	60.25	8	3.28	2066	8.47	15	6.15	145.1
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	SR	14	494	325	65.79	12	2.43	3813	7.72	27	5.47	143.8
Ell Roberson, Kansas St.	SR	13	294	152	51.70	12	4.08	2545	8.66	24	8.16	143.2
Scott McBrien, Maryland	SR	13	314	173	55.10	6	1.91	2672	8.51	19	6.05	142.7
Joshua Haldi, Northern Ill.	JR	12	336	199	59.23	9	2.68	2544	7.57	25	7.44	142.0

Total Offense

			RUSHING				PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
B.J. Symons, Texas Tech	SR	13	79	340	197	143	719	5833	798	5976	7.49	459.7
Philip Rivers, North Carolina St.	SR	13	78	251	142	109	483	4491	561	4600	8.20	353.8
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	SR	14	215	972	142	830	494	3813	709	4643	6.55	331.6
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Ohio)	JR	14	67	285	174	111	495	4486	562	4597	8.18	328.4
Charlie Frye, Akron	JR	12	111	510	222	288	421	3549	532	3837	7.21	319.8
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	JR	13	43	114	174	-60	601	4199	644	4139	6.43	318.4
Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St.	SR	14	81	214	171	43	446	4356	527	4399	8.35	314.2
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	SO	12	91	576	72	504	389	3210	480	3714	7.74	309.5
Derek Anderson, Oregon St.	JR	13	57	100	225	-125	510	4058	567	3933	6.94	302.5
Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh	SR	13	136	515	365	150	413	3679	549	3829	6.97	294.5
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	SR	10	127	606	72	534	263	2385	390	2919	7.48	291.9
Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado St.	SR	13	170	1121	212	909	297	2845	467	3754	8.04	288.8
Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut	JR	12	30	47	88	-41	475	3485	505	3444	6.82	287.0
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	SO	13	92	244	199	45	465	3561	557	3606	6.47	277.4
Eli Manning, Mississippi	SR	13	48	110	138	-28	441	3600	489	3572	7.30	274.8
Stefan Lefors, Louisville	JR	13	71	487	82	405	357	3145	428	3550	8.29	273.1
Scott Rislov, San Jose St.	SR	11	53	157	188	-31	437	3016	490	2985	6.09	271.4
Ell Roberson, Kansas St.	SR	13	227	1135	160	975	294	2545	521	3520	6.76	270.8
Matt Leinart, Southern California	SO	13	32	39	101	-62	402	3556	434	3494	8.05	268.8
Kevin Kolb, Houston	FR	13	139	598	252	346	360	3131	499	3477	6.97	267.5
Matt Schaub, Virginia	SR	11	26	42	65	-23	403	2952	429	2929	6.83	266.3
Jason White, Oklahoma	SR	14	42	59	209	-150	451	3846	493	3696	7.50	264.0
Luke McCown, Louisiana Tech	SR	12	71	247	327	-80	432	3246	503	3166	6.29	263.8
J.P. Losman, Tulane	SR	12	77	293	213	80	422	3077	499	3157	6.33	263.1
Joshua Cribbs, Kent St.	JR	12	161	965	264	701	364	2424	525	3125	5.95	260.4
Brad Smith, Missouri	SO	13	212	1549	143	1406	350	1977	562	3383	6.02	260.2

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/G
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	SO	11	1430	384	0	299	291	7.26	2113	192.09
Darren Sproles, Kansas St.	JR	15	1986	287	190	272	360	7.60	2735	182.33
Jerry Seymour, Central Mich.	FR	9	1117	103	0	330	234	6.62	1550	172.22
Howard Jackson, UTEP	JR	13	1146	391	0	609	260	8.25	2146	165.08
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	SR	12	1648	230	0	58	332	5.83	1936	161.33
Patrick Cobbs, North Texas	JR	11	1680	43	8	40	314	5.64	1771	161.00
Lance Moore, Toledo	JR	12	26	1194	219	456	146	12.98	1895	157.92
Chris Perry, Michigan	SR	13	1674	367	0	0	382	5.34	2041	157.00
Steven Jackson, Oregon St.	JR	13	1545	470	0	0	394	5.11	2015	155.00
Anthony Sherrell, Eastern Mich.	JR	12	1531	304	0	0	382	4.80	1835	152.92
Derek Abney, Kentucky	SR	12	148	616	285	772	123	14.8	1821	151.75
Derrick Knight, Boston College	SR	13	1721	227	0	0	347	5.61	1948	149.85
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	SR	9	915	408	0	0	224	5.91	1323	147.00
Marion Barber III, Minnesota	SO	13	1196	119	405	172	256	7.39	1892	145.54
David Fiefia, Utah St.	SR	12	967	310	240	218	276	6.29	1735	144.58
Greg Jennings, Western Mich.	SO	12	15	1050	0	669	91	19.05	1734	144.50
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	JR	12	1347	375	0	10	292	5.93	1732	144.33
Jason Wright, Northwestern	SR	13	1388	251	0	232	293	6.39	1871	143.92
Ibrahim Halsey, Illinois	SO	9	525	303	79	378	201	6.39	1285	142.78
Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	JR	13	1647	161	0	0	295	6.13	1808	139.08
Nick Turner, Mississippi St.	SO	12	696	93	310	565	194	8.58	1664	138.67
Bernard Berrian, Fresno St.	SR	14	171	668	429	631	144	13.19	1899	135.64
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	JR	13	111	1026	218	380	119	14.58	1735	133.46

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Lance Moore, Toledo	JR	12	103	1194	9	8.58
Chad Owens, Hawaii	JR	11	85	1134	9	7.73
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	SR	13	97	1099	9	7.46
Dante Ridgeway, Ball St.	SO	12	89	1075	10	7.42
Reggie Williams, Washington	JR	12	89	1109	8	7.42
Mike Williams, Southern California	SO	13	95	1314	16	7.31
Terrance Copper, East Caro.	SR	12	87	897	2	7.25
Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	SO	13	92	1672	22	7.08
Cole Magner, Bowling Green	JR	14	99	1138	10	7.07
Paris Warren, Utah	JR	11	76	809	4	6.91
James Newson, Oregon St.	SR	12	81	1306	3	6.75
Jerricho Cotchery, North Carolina St.	SR	13	86	1369	10	6.62
Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	JR	13	86	835	3	6.62
Braylon Edwards, Michigan	JR	13	85	1138	14	6.54
Geoff McArthur, California	JR	13	85	1504	10	6.54
D.J. Hackett, Colorado	SR	12	78	1013	7	6.50
Martin Nance, Miami (Ohio)	JR	14	90	1498	11	6.43

Interceptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Sean Taylor, Miami (Fla.)	JR	12	10	184	3	.83
Josh Bullocks, Nebraska	SO	13	10	154	0	.77
Derrick Ansley, Troy St.	JR	12	9	74	1	.75
Jonathan Burke, Arkansas St.	SR	12	9	120	0	.75
Keiwan Ratliff, Florida	SR	13	9	182	2	.69
J.R. Reed, South Fla.	SR	11	7	45	0	.64
Gerald Jones, San Jose St.	SR	11	6	178	2	.55
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	JR	13	7	98	0	.54
Erik Coleman, Washington St.	SR	13	7	22	0	.54

Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Patrick Cobbs, North Texas	JR	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Cedric Benson, Texas	JR	12	22	0	0	134	11.17
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	JR	12	21	0	0	128	10.67
Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	SO	13	22	0	0	132	10.15
Steven Jackson, Oregon St.	JR	13	22	0	0	132	10.15
Jason Wright, Northwestern	SR	13	21	0	0	126	9.69
Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	JR	13	21	0	0	126	9.69
DonTrell Moore, New Mexico	SO	13	21	0	0	126	9.69
Nick Browne, TCU	SR	13	0	38	28	124	9.54
Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi	JR	13	0	49	25	124	9.54
Tyler Jones, Boise St.	JR	14	0	75	19	132	9.43
Ryan Killeen, Southern California	JR	13	0	65	19	122	9.38
Billy Bennett, Georgia	SR	14	0	38	31	131	9.36
Trey DiCarlo, Oklahoma	SO	14	0	74	19	131	9.36
Chris Perry, Michigan	SR	13	20	0	0	120	9.23
Brad Smith, Missouri	SO	13	19	0	0	118	9.08
Drew Dunning, Washington St.	SR	13	0	35	27	116	8.92
Tatum Bell, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Steve Azar, Northern Ill.	SR	12	0	41	21	104	8.67
Kirk Ylniemi, Oregon St.	SR	12	0	46	19	103	8.58
Ben Jones, Purdue	SO	13	0	36	25	111	8.54
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	SR	12	17	0	0	102	8.5

Rushing

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Patrick Cobbs, North Texas	JR	11	307	1680	5.47	19	152.73
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	SR	12	310	1648	5.32	14	137.33
Darren Sproles, Kansas St.	JR	15	306	1986	6.49	16	132.40
Derrick Knight, Boston College	SR	13	321	1721	5.36	11	132.38
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	SO	11	243	1430	5.88	10	130.00
Chris Perry, Michigan	SR	13	338	1674	4.95	18	128.77
Anthony Sherrell, Eastern Mich.	JR	12	338	1531	4.53	12	127.58
Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	JR	13	281	1647	5.86	21	126.69
Jerry Seymour, Central Mich.	FR	9	205	1117	5.45	8	124.11
Steven Jackson, Oregon St.	JR	13	350	1545	4.41	19	118.85
Tatum Bell, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	213	1286	6.04	16	116.91
Quincy Wilson, West Virginia	SR	12	282	1380	4.89	12	115.00
Cedric Benson, Texas	JR	12	258	1360	5.27	21	113.33
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	JR	12	253	1347	5.32	20	112.25
DonTrell Moore, New Mexico	SO	13	276	1450	5.25	19	111.54
P.J. Daniels, Georgia Tech	SO	13	283	1447	5.11	10	111.31
Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	SR	12	227	1320	5.81	10	110.00
Lynell Hamilton, San Diego St.	FR	10	234	1087	4.65	4	108.70
Ryan Moats, Louisiana Tech	SO	12	199	1300	6.53	10	108.33
Brad Smith, Missouri	SO	13	212	1406	6.63	18	108.15
Jason Wright, Northwestern	SR	13	267	1388	5.20	20	106.77
Keylon Kincade, So. Methodist	SR	12	317	1280	4.04	4	106.67
Julius Jones, Notre Dame	SR	12	229	1268	5.54	10	105.67
Shaud Williams, Alabama	SR	13	280	1367	4.88	14	105.15

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Punt Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Skyler Green, LSU	SO	25	462	2	18.48
Ryne Robinson, Miami (Ohio)	FR	38	654	3	17.21
Mark Jones, Tennessee	SR	20	303	1	15.15
Gabe Lindsay, Oklahoma St.	SR	26	393	1	15.12
DeAngelo Hall, Virginia Tech	JR	33	487	3	14.76
Marcus James, Missouri	SR	26	377	0	14.50
Marion Barber III, Minnesota	SO	28	405	0	14.46
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	JR	34	470	2	13.82
Steve Breaston, Michigan	SO	45	619	2	13.76
Marvin Young, Southern Miss.	JR	33	450	1	13.64
Matt Cherry, Akron	SR	23	305	2	13.26
Corey Brazil, Louisiana Tech	SR	20	263	0	13.15
Charles Gordon, Kansas	FR	26	341	0	13.12
Lance Moore, Toledo	JR	17	219	1	12.88
Nathan Vasher, Texas	SR	27	344	0	12.74
Marvin Jackson, Arkansas	SR	26	329	1	12.65
Tremayne Kirkland, UNLV	FR	25	314	0	12.56
Tim Gilligan, Boise St.	SR	37	460	1	12.43
Ramon Ochoa, Iowa	SR	40	495	1	12.38
Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	JR	53	642	4	12.11

Punting *(minimum 3.6 punts per game)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matt Prater, UCF	SO	12	58	2781	47.95
Brandon Fields, Michigan St.	SO	13	62	2878	46.42
Joel Stelly, La.-Monroe	SO	12	67	3099	46.25
Jared Scruggs, Rice	FR	12	51	2341	45.90
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	SO	12	57	2600	45.61
Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	JR	13	68	3081	45.31
Kyle Larson, Nebraska	SR	13	66	2978	45.12
Eric Wilbur, Florida	FR	13	66	2954	44.76
Ryan Dougherty, East Caro.	FR	12	64	2846	44.47
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	SO	11	46	2045	44.46
Cody Ridgeway, Mississippi	JR	13	58	2561	44.16
Andy Lee, Pittsburgh	SR	13	77	3399	44.14
Bryce Benekos, UTEP	JR	13	70	3085	44.07
Matt Payne, Brigham Young	JR	12	78	3433	44.01
Adam Anderson, Western Mich.	JR	12	72	3162	43.92
Brandon Hannum, Toledo	SR	12	44	1916	43.55
Chris Beckman, Tulane	FR	12	65	2829	43.52
Kyle Basler, Washington St.	SO	13	77	3351	43.52

Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Billy Bennett, Georgia	SR	14	38	31	.816	2.21
Nick Browne, TCU	SR	13	33	28	.848	2.15
Drew Dunning, Washington St.	SR	13	31	27	.871	2.08
Ben Jones, Purdue	SO	13	30	25	.833	1.92
Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi	JR	13	29	25	.862	1.92
Nick Novak, Maryland	JR	13	32	24	.750	1.85
Connor Hughes, Virginia	SO	13	25	23	.920	1.77
Steve Azar, Northern Ill.	SR	12	26	21	.808	1.75
Josh Scobee, Louisiana Tech	SR	12	31	21	.677	1.75
Jon Peattie, Miami (Fla.)	FR	13	28	22	.786	1.69
David Rayner, Michigan St.	JR	13	29	22	.759	1.69
Dillon Pieffer, UNLV	SR	12	25	20	.800	1.67
Matt Leach, Florida	JR	13	27	21	.778	1.62
Kirk Ylniemi, Oregon St.	SR	12	23	19	.826	1.58
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	SR	13	21	20	.952	1.54
Brett Visintainer, Fresno St.	JR	14	28	21	.750	1.50
J.C. Mejia, San Diego St.	SR	12	29	18	.621	1.50

Kickoff Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Michael Waddell, North Carolina	SR	15	475	1	31.67
J.R. Reed, South Fla.	SR	18	570	1	31.67
Mike Imoh, Virginia Tech	SO	18	549	1	30.50
John Eubanks, Southern Miss.	SO	17	499	1	29.35
Dexter Wynn, Colorado St.	SR	27	782	0	28.96
Devin Hester, Miami (Fla.)	FR	18	517	1	28.72
Senterrio Landrum, Duke	JR	25	709	0	28.36
Kendrick Starling, San Jose St.	SR	20	562	0	28.10
Charles Estes, La.-Monroe	JR	36	988	1	27.44
Reggie Bush, Southern California	FR	18	492	1	27.33
DeAndra Cobb, Michigan St.	JR	28	763	3	27.25
Terrence Murphy, Texas A&M	JR	23	626	0	27.22
Jonas Rutledge, So. Methodist	SR	29	782	0	26.97
Maurice Drew, UCLA	FR	20	533	2	26.65
Chris Carr, Boise St.	JR	27	710	0	26.30
Adam Jones, West Virginia	SO	33	867	1	26.27
Ricky Wilson, Houston	FR	23	600	1	26.09

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Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Navy	13	760	4202	5.53	44	323.23
Rice	12	687	3800	5.53	35	316.67
Minnesota	13	683	3759	5.50	46	289.15
Air Force	12	716	3367	4.70	31	280.58
Arkansas	13	626	3145	5.02	34	241.92
Missouri	13	551	3087	5.60	38	237.46
Nebraska	13	716	3063	4.28	28	235.62
Texas	13	587	3023	5.15	41	232.54
Kansas St.	15	688	3429	4.98	42	228.60
Louisville	13	518	2966	5.73	35	228.15
Oklahoma St.	13	522	2831	5.42	34	217.77
Houston	13	651	2802	4.30	31	215.54
West Virginia	13	600	2762	4.60	25	212.46
Northwestern	13	593	2759	4.65	30	212.23
New Mexico St.	12	591	2541	4.30	21	211.75
New Mexico	13	616	2730	4.43	28	210.00
Virginia Tech	13	515	2721	5.28	33	209.31
TCU	13	659	2700	4.10	27	207.69
Wake Forest	12	569	2439	4.29	31	203.25
Marshall	12	499	2356	4.72	23	196.33

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Southern California	13	425	782	1.84	9	60.2
Ohio St.	13	415	810	1.95	12	62.3
LSU	14	400	938	2.35	5	67.0
Oregon St.	13	447	1097	2.45	11	84.4
New Mexico	13	428	1119	2.61	11	86.1
Washington St.	13	441	1181	2.68	8	90.8
Auburn	13	440	1204	2.74	8	92.6
Iowa	13	480	1205	2.51	10	92.7
TCU	13	443	1218	2.75	13	93.7
Purdue	13	467	1260	2.70	9	96.9
Boise St.	14	445	1407	3.16	10	100.5
Georgia Tech	13	445	1307	2.94	14	100.5
Georgia	14	468	1433	3.06	8	102.4
Mississippi	13	417	1332	3.19	11	102.5
North Texas	13	464	1361	2.93	14	104.7
Oregon	13	453	1392	3.07	18	107.1
Kansas St.	15	549	1627	2.96	6	108.5
Memphis	13	485	1435	2.96	12	110.4

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Texas Tech	13	1088	7576	6.96	76	582.77
Miami (Ohio)	14	1053	7016	6.66	82	501.14
Bowling Green	14	1111	6954	6.26	61	496.71
Minnesota	13	970	6430	6.63	66	494.62
Louisville	13	913	6355	6.96	58	488.85
Hawaii	14	1072	6834	6.38	63	488.14
Boise St.	14	1061	6809	6.42	77	486.36
Connecticut	12	946	5730	6.06	54	477.50
Akron	12	923	5643	6.11	55	470.25
Oregon St.	13	1060	6019	5.68	53	463.00
Toledo	12	875	5553	6.35	55	462.75
Houston	13	1018	5958	5.85	58	458.31
North Carolina St.	13	888	5891	6.63	65	453.15
Southern California	13	897	5818	6.49	68	447.54
Michigan	13	1014	5807	5.73	61	446.69
Memphis	13	1000	5779	5.78	48	444.54
Kansas St.	15	1059	6615	6.25	73	441.00

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
LSU	14	877	3528	4.02	19	252.00
Miami (Fla.)	13	786	3348	4.26	23	257.54
Oklahoma	14	881	3635	4.13	27	259.64
Georgia	14	880	3876	4.40	23	276.86
Auburn	13	802	3661	4.56	25	281.62
Kansas St.	15	996	4246	4.26	31	283.07
Oregon St.	13	914	3753	4.11	38	288.69
San Diego St.	12	813	3477	4.28	22	289.75
Memphis	13	879	3845	4.37	32	295.77
Ohio St.	13	930	3859	4.15	28	296.85
Michigan	13	845	3863	4.57	27	297.15
Nebraska	13	875	3863	4.41	24	297.15
Purdue	13	888	3933	4.43	26	302.54
Brigham Young	12	817	3684	4.51	38	307.00
Maryland	13	849	4009	4.72	27	308.38
Iowa	13	942	4089	4.34	24	314.54
South Fla.	11	846	3472	4.10	28	315.64

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
	GAINED			LOST			
Nebraska	15	32	47	14	10	24	1.77
Southern California	20	22	42	13	9	22	1.54
Miami (Ohio)	18	21	39	8	11	19	1.43
West Virginia	15	21	36	12	8	20	1.23
Oklahoma	12	22	34	6	11	17	1.21
Northern Ill.	8	23	31	7	10	17	1.17
UNLV	19	16	35	12	11	23	1.00
Purdue	14	14	28	9	7	16	0.92
Toledo	10	15	25	6	8	14	0.92
Arkansas	16	17	33	13	9	22	0.85
Missouri	15	9	24	5	8	13	0.85
North Texas	15	18	33	13	9	22	0.85
Michigan St.	14	15	29	3	15	18	0.85
Georgia	12	17	29	6	12	18	0.79
Utah	21	8	29	15	5	20	0.75
Wyoming	12	12	24	6	9	15	0.75
Boise St.	10	21	31	12	9	21	0.71
Florida St.	18	15	33	12	13	25	0.62
Washington St.	24	24	48	18	22	40	0.62

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Texas Tech	13	780	506	23	64.87	6179	7.92	53	475.3
Hawaii	14	754	444	27	58.89	5382	7.14	42	384.4
North Carolina St.	13	496	357	7	71.98	4580	9.23	35	352.3
Miami (Ohio)	14	535	363	11	67.85	4772	8.92	38	340.9
Boise St.	14	489	295	9	60.33	4708	9.63	33	336.3
Oregon St.	13	534	274	25	51.31	4265	7.99	25	328.1
Akron	12	449	287	10	63.92	3736	8.32	22	311.3
Western Mich.	12	450	272	20	60.44	3701	8.22	31	308.4
Bowling Green	14	528	345	13	65.34	4206	7.97	32	300.4
Connecticut	12	483	283	14	58.59	3575	7.40	33	297.9
Louisiana Tech	12	482	267	16	55.39	3519	7.30	20	293.3
Oklahoma	14	479	298	11	62.21	4098	8.56	43	292.7
Southern California	13	442	274	9	61.99	3791	8.58	39	291.6
Pittsburgh	13	427	251	14	58.78	3746	8.77	38	288.2
Mississippi	13	449	282	10	62.81	3718	8.28	31	286.0
Clemson	13	490	300	13	61.22	3687	7.52	23	283.6
San Jose St.	11	463	273	6	58.96	3106	6.71	18	282.4
Colorado	12	452	283	13	62.61	3351	7.41	27	279.3

Pass-Efficiency Defense

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Nebraska	13	430	218	50.70	32	7.44	2312	5.38	10	2.33	88.66
LSU	14	477	213	44.65	21	4.40	2590	5.43	12	2.52	89.81
Oklahoma	14	419	218	52.03	22	5.25	2050	4.89	11	2.63	91.26
Miami (Fla.)	13	328	167	50.91	19	5.79	1866	5.69	9	2.74	96.16
Washington St.	13	547	263	48.08	24	4.39	2960	5.41	19	3.47	96.24
Oregon St.	13	467	206	44.11	20	4.28	2656	5.69	22	4.71	98.85
Boise St.	14	614	302	49.19	21	3.42	3470	5.65	17	2.77	98.97
South Fla.	11	352	173	49.15	13	3.69	1979	5.62	14	3.98	102.06
Michigan	13	411	221	53.77	14	3.41	2347	5.71	9	2.19	102.18
San Diego St.	12	345	176	51.01	12	3.48	1923	5.57	12	3.48	102.34
Tulsa	13	373	189	50.67	19	5.09	2352	6.31	12	3.22	104.10
Kansas St.	15	447	224	50.11	20	4.47	2619	5.86	19	4.25	104.39
Southern Miss.	13	364	189	51.92	14	3.85	2262	6.21	9	2.47	104.57
Memphis	13	394	187	47.46	11	2.79	2410	6.12	14	3.55	105.02
Tennessee	13	414	230	55.56	15	3.62	2419	5.84	10	2.42	105.41
Georgia	14	412	224	54.37	17	4.13	2443	5.93	12	2.91	105.57
Maryland	13	368	185	50.27	12	3.26	2327	6.32	10	2.72	105.86

Scoring Offense

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Boise St.	14	602	77	43.0
Miami (Ohio)	14	602	82	43.0
Oklahoma	14	601	78	42.9
Texas Tech	13	552	76	42.4
Southern California	13	534	68	41.0
Texas	13	533	72	41.0
Minnesota	13	503	66	38.6
North Carolina St.	13	489	65	37.6
Kansas St.	15	549	73	36.6
Akron	12	435	55	36.2
Oklahoma St.	13	467	60	35.9
Michigan	13	460	61	35.3
Virginia Tech	13	460	61	35.3
Hawaii	14	486	63	34.7
Louisville	13	450	58	34.6
Houston	13	448	58	34.4
Connecticut	12	408	54	34.0

Scoring Defense

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
LSU	14	154	19	11.0
Nebraska	13	188	24	14.5
Georgia	14	203	23	14.5
Miami (Fla.)	13	196	23	15.1
Oklahoma	14	214	27	15.3
Maryland	13	206	27	15.8
Iowa	13	210	24	16.2
Kansas St.	15	244	31	16.3
Auburn	13	212	25	16.3
Florida St.	13	217	23	16.7
Michigan	13	219	27	16.8
Boise St.	14	239	28	17.1
San Diego St.	12	207	22	17.3
Purdue	13	226	26	17.4
Southern Miss.	13	226	25	17.4
Ohio St.	13	229	28	17.6
Southern California	13	239	30	18.4

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Passing Efficiency *(minimum of 15 attempts per game)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Eric Rasmussen, San Diego	SR	10	318	195	61.32	3	0.94	2982	9.38	35	11.01	174.5
Quincy Richard, Southern U.	SR	13	389	256	65.81	15	3.86	3427	8.81	33	8.48	160.1
David Macchi, Valparaiso	SR	12	412	238	57.77	10	2.43	3763	9.13	38	9.22	160.1
Jared Allen, Fla. Atlantic	JR	14	346	218	63.01	9	2.60	3003	8.68	24	6.94	153.6
Scott Pendarvis, McNeese St.	JR	12	244	142	58.20	6	2.46	2186	8.96	18	7.38	152.9
Erik Meyer, Eastern Wash.	SO	11	281	176	62.63	3	1.07	2301	8.19	20	7.12	152.8
Lang Campbell, William & Mary	JR	10	285	182	63.86	7	2.46	2296	8.06	22	7.72	152.1
Kyle Keating, Lehigh	JR	11	179	109	60.89	5	2.79	1419	7.93	16	8.94	151.4
Mike Mitchell, Pennsylvania	SR	9	319	200	62.70	7	2.19	2470	7.74	26	8.15	150.2
Chris Peterson, Cal Poly	SR	10	222	135	60.81	3	1.35	1798	8.10	15	6.76	148.4
Jason Murrietta, Northern Ariz.	FR	13	412	243	58.98	12	2.91	3472	8.43	29	7.04	147.2
Niel Loebig, Duquesne	JR	11	351	207	58.97	17	4.84	3086	8.79	25	7.12	146.6
Brandon Staley, Dayton	JR	11	169	100	59.17	8	4.73	1617	9.57	8	4.73	145.7
Richie William, Appalachian St.	SO	11	204	120	58.82	5	2.45	1621	7.95	14	6.86	143.3
Joel Sambursky, Southern Ill.	SO	12	202	115	56.93	6	2.97	1667	8.25	14	6.93	143.2
Andy Hall, Delaware	SR	16	378	234	61.90	7	1.85	2764	7.31	25	6.61	141.4
Alvin Cowan, Yale	SR	10	381	227	59.58	7	1.84	2994	7.86	22	5.77	141.0
Zeke Dixon, Stephen F. Austin	SO	9	146	83	56.85	3	2.05	1257	8.61	7	4.79	140.9
A.J. Porter, Southwest Mo. St.	SO	10	168	88	52.38	5	2.98	1373	8.17	13	7.74	140.6
Russ Michna, Western Ill.	SR	13	371	211	56.87	14	3.77	3160	8.52	21	5.66	139.6
Shawn Brady, Northeastern	JR	12	243	133	54.73	8	3.29	1972	8.12	17	7	139.4
Connor Jostes, Drake	SO	10	331	188	56.80	10	3.02	2646	7.99	21	6.34	138.8
Tom Petrie, Northern Iowa	JR	13	293	163	55.63	7	2.39	2357	8.04	18	6.14	138.7
Mark Hetherington, Idaho St.	JR	11	338	198	58.58	10	2.96	2526	7.47	23	6.8	137.9
Bryson Rosser, Tennessee St.	JR	10	194	97	50.00	6	3.09	1458	7.52	18	9.28	137.6
Donald Carrie, Alcorn St.	JR	12	340	182	53.53	18	5.29	2851	8.39	24	7.06	136.7

Total Offense

		RUSHING					PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
Bruce Eugene, Grambling	JR	12	94	520	108	412	528	3808	622	4220	6.78	351.7
Alvin Cowan, Yale	SR	10	136	597	146	451	381	2994	517	3445	6.66	344.5
David Macchi, Valparaiso	SR	12	113	515	199	316	412	3763	525	4079	7.77	339.9
Eric Rasmussen, San Diego	SR	10	38	161	132	29	318	2982	356	3011	8.46	301.1
Ben Dougherty, Florida A&M	JR	11	155	874	200	674	368	2502	523	3176	6.07	288.7
Ramon Nelson, Samford	JR	11	115	491	110	381	408	2759	523	3140	6.00	285.5
David Caudill, Morehead St.	SR	11	125	569	115	454	338	2660	463	3114	6.73	283.1
Martin Hankins, Southeastern La.	FR	12	40	27	174	-147	592	3537	632	3390	5.36	282.5
Barrick Nealy, Texas St.	SO	12	133	532	271	261	473	3129	606	3390	5.59	282.5
Quincy Richard, Southern U.	SR	13	64	324	103	221	389	3427	453	3648	8.05	280.6
Connor Jostes, Drake	SO	10	71	319	170	149	331	2646	402	2795	6.95	279.5
Niel Loebig, Duquesne	JR	11	34	49	138	-89	351	3086	385	2997	7.78	272.5
Matt Verbit, Princeton	JR	10	95	381	181	200	327	2499	422	2699	6.40	269.9
Jeff Otis, Columbia	JR	10	65	249	125	124	372	2552	437	2676	6.12	267.6
Mike Granieri, New Hampshire	JR	12	145	786	184	602	387	2599	532	3201	6.02	266.8
Mike Mitchell, Pennsylvania	SR	9	25	14	85	-71	319	2470	344	2399	6.97	266.6
Jason Murrietta, Northern Ariz.	FR	13	85	233	245	-12	412	3472	497	3460	6.96	266.2
Lang Campbell, William & Mary	JR	10	77	413	113	300	285	2296	362	2596	7.17	259.6
Marko Glavic, Lafayette	SR	11	73	241	147	94	390	2725	463	2819	6.09	256.3
Russ Michna, Western Ill.	SR	13	70	316	149	167	371	3160	441	3327	7.54	255.9
Kevin Eakin, Fordham	SR	12	54	100	143	-43	407	3054	461	3011	6.53	250.9
Donald Carrie, Alcorn St.	JR	12	59	258	149	109	340	2851	399	2960	7.42	246.7
Kyle Slager, Brown	SR	10	48	85	182	-97	359	2399	407	2302	5.66	230.2
Brian Gaither, Western Caro.	SR	12	51	160	116	44	418	2717	469	2761	5.89	230.1
Erik Meyer, Eastern Wash.	SO	11	81	376	176	200	281	2301	362	2501	6.91	227.4
Bryson Spinner, Richmond	SR	9	75	405	73	332	250	1712	325	2044	6.29	227.1

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/G
Luke McArdle, Georgetown	SR	11	0	1118	506	407	2031	16.93	120	184.64
Nick Hartigan, Brown	SO	10	1498	308	0	0	1806	5.90	306	180.60
Javarus Dudley, Fordham	SR	12	34	1439	169	496	2138	15.72	136	178.17
Evan Harney, San Diego	FR	10	1475	259	0	0	1734	5.67	306	173.40
Ari Confesor, Holy Cross	SR	12	7	1213	152	700	2072	14.59	142	172.67
Charles Anthony, Tennessee St.	JR	12	1708	362	0	0	2070	5.90	351	172.50
Clifton Dawson, Harvard	FR	9	1187	55	0	283	1525	6.38	239	169.44
Fred Amey, Sacramento St.	JR	10	0	989	242	458	1689	16.56	102	168.90
B.J. Sams, McNeese St.	SR	12	299	889	267	548	2003	13.35	150	166.92
Wendall Williams, Rhode Island	SR	12	631	436	128	769	1964	12.75	154	163.67
Justin Campbell, Butler	JR	9	483	195	0	758	1436	6.59	218	159.56
Johnathan Taylor, Drake	SR	12	1486	325	0	91	1902	5.53	344	158.50
Sam Mathews, Pennsylvania	SO	10	1266	311	0	0	1577	4.99	316	157.70
Ryan Fuqua, Portland St.	JR	11	840	382	0	506	1728	6.47	267	157.09
John Leverett, Davidson	JR	11	1066	160	0	470	1696	6.14	276	154.18
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	SR	11	1524	64	0	102	1690	7.61	222	153.64
Efrem Hill, Samford	JR	11	0	1387	209	92	1688	14.55	116	153.45
Kory Chapman, Jacksonville St.	SR	12	1285	66	0	490	1841	7.64	241	153.42
Mike Hilliard, Duquesne	SR	11	1544	126	0	0	1670	5.11	327	151.82
Nick Chournos, Weber St.	JR	12	1649	128	0	0	1777	5.62	316	148.08
Jamaal Branch, Colgate	JR	16	2326	24	0	0	2350	5.19	453	146.88
Johnny Marshall, Northern Ariz.	SR	13	-5	1146	395	368	1904	14.42	132	146.46
Joe McCourt, Lafayette	JR	11	1157	444	0	0	1601	5.39	297	145.55

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Javarus Dudley, Fordham	SR	12	101	1439	14	8.42
Efrem Hill, Samford	JR	11	92	1387	15	8.36
Lorenza Hill, Brown	SO	10	76	869	5	7.60
Alonzo Nix, Chattanooga	JR	12	90	1060	7	7.50
Ari Confesor, Holy Cross	SR	12	90	1213	9	7.50
Adam Hannula, San Diego	SO	10	72	1161	13	7.20
Nate Lawrie, Yale	SR	10	72	810	3	7.20
Dan Castles, Pennsylvania	JR	10	71	1067	13	7.10
Jay Barnard, Dartmouth	SR	10	70	861	5	7.00
Tramon Douglas, Grambling	SR	11	77	917	10	7.00
Sean Simmions, Wagner	SR	11	74	894	7	6.73
Aaron Dunklin, Charleston So.	SR	12	79	1025	6	6.58
Ralph Plumb, Yale	JR	9	59	813	7	6.56
Steven Taylor, St. Peter's	SR	10	65	791	5	6.50
A.J. Smith, Southern Utah	JR	10	64	628	2	6.40
Adam Bergen, Lehigh	JR	11	70	840	6	6.36
William Andrews, Gardner-Webb	SR	12	76	975	13	6.33

Interceptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Brandon Martin, Butler	SR	11	8	76	0	.73
James Niklos, Robert Morris	FR	9	6	53	2	.67
Levy Brown, Florida A&M	SR	11	7	90	0	.64
Corey Lynch, Appalachian St.	FR	10	6	61	0	.60
Steve Costello, Massachusetts	JR	10	6	24	0	.60
Joe Glenn, Bucknell	JR	12	7	126	1	.58
Tyrone Parsons, Alcorn St.	SR	12	7	157	1	.58
Emery Beckles, Idaho St.	SR	9	5	31	0	.56
Nick Collins, Bethune-Cookman	JR	11	6	84	1	.55

Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Evan Harney, San Diego	FR	10	20	0	0	122	12.20
Rob Giancola, Valparaiso	JR	12	23	0	0	140	11.67
Jamaal Branch, Colgate	JR	16	29	0	0	174	10.88
Kirwin Watson, Fordham	SR	12	21	0	0	126	10.50
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	SR	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Alonzo Coleman, Hampton	FR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Travis Glasford, Western Ill.	SO	13	21	0	0	126	9.69
Nick Hartigan, Brown	SO	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Chris Snyder, Montana	SR	13	0	47	25	124	9.54
Joe McCourt, Lafayette	JR	11	17	0	0	104	9.45
Aundres Perkins, Coastal Caro.	FR	9	14	0	0	84	9.33
Clinton Graham, Stony Brook	JR	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Matt Lange, Western Ky.	SR	13	0	48	23	117	9.00
John Troost, Yale	JR	10	0	39	15	84	8.40
Mike Hilliard, Duquesne	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Efrem Hill, Samford	JR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Terrance Freeney, Northern Iowa	SO	12	16	0	0	98	8.17
Clifton Dawson, Harvard	FR	9	12	0	0	72	8.00
R.J. Harvey, New Hampshire	JR	12	16	0	0	96	8.00
Javarus Dudley, Fordham	SR	12	16	0	0	96	8.00
Johnathan Taylor, Drake	SR	12	16	0	0	96	8.00
Germaine Bennett, Delaware	SR	16	21	0	0	126	7.88

Rushing

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Nick Hartigan, Brown	SO	10	275	1498	5.45	15	149.80
Evan Harney, San Diego	FR	10	285	1475	5.18	17	147.50
Jamaal Branch, Colgate	JR	16	450	2326	5.17	29	145.38
Charles Anthony, Tennessee St.	JR	12	322	1708	5.30	13	142.33
Mike Hilliard, Duquesne	SR	11	306	1544	5.05	15	140.36
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	SR	11	211	1524	7.22	18	138.55
Nick Chournos, Weber St.	JR	12	297	1649	5.55	13	137.42
Emmett Hunter, Jacksonville	SR	11	304	1467	4.83	11	133.36
Jermaine Austin, Ga. Southern	SO	11	224	1461	6.52	6	132.82
Clifton Dawson, Harvard	FR	9	215	1187	5.52	12	131.89
Sam Mathews, Pennsylvania	SO	10	276	1266	4.59	10	126.60
Johnathan Taylor, Drake	SR	12	318	1486	4.67	14	123.83
Kirwin Watson, Fordham	SR	12	311	1477	4.75	20	123.08
Sha-Ron Edwards, Illinois St.	SR	12	247	1409	5.70	14	117.42
Marcus Williams, Maine	JR	11	248	1284	5.18	12	116.73
Antoine Rutherford, Howard	FR	9	217	1050	4.84	8	116.67
Lerron Moore, Western Ky.	SO	13	273	1490	5.46	13	114.62
Vick King, McNeese St.	SR	11	210	1240	5.90	11	112.73
Verondre Barnes, Liberty	JR	12	229	1347	5.88	7	112.25
Cody Pratt, Southwest Mo. St.	JR	11	251	1223	4.87	11	111.18
Kory Chapman, Jacksonville St.	SR	12	212	1285	6.06	9	107.08
Sam Dorsett, Robert Morris	SR	10	228	1064	4.67	6	106.40
Clinton Graham, Stony Brook	JR	10	167	1055	6.32	12	105.50
Travis Glasford, Western Ill.	SO	13	296	1368	4.62	20	105.23

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Punt Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
James Norris, Western Ill.	JR	15	287	1	19.13
Emery Beckles, Idaho St.	SR	23	377	1	16.39
Donnie Rose, Central Conn. St.	JR	17	267	1	15.71
Corey Smith, Montana St.	SR	35	545	4	15.57
Leonard Goolsby, So. Carolina St.	SR	26	404	0	15.54
Fred Akon, Mississippi Val.	SR	21	323	0	15.38
Arel Gordon, Maine	FR	15	222	1	14.80
Darrell Jones, Cal Poly	JR	34	470	3	13.82
Toby Zeigler, Northwestern St.	SO	30	413	0	13.77
Dante Ross, Bucknell	SO	17	233	1	13.71
Jason Coleman, Tenn.-Martin	SO	14	190	0	13.57
Fred Amey, Sacramento St.	JR	18	242	1	13.44
Luke McArdle, Georgetown	SR	38	506	0	13.32
Jermaine Pugh, Lehigh	SR	19	245	0	12.89
Antonoio Scaife, Southeast Mo. St.	FR	17	216	0	12.71
Greg Moss, Florida Int'l	JR	24	303	1	12.63
Marquay McDaniel, Hampton	SO	41	514	0	12.54
Sidney Haugabrook, Delaware	JR	35	433	1	12.37
Michael Sparks, Southwest Mo. St.	JR	39	477	0	12.23
Levander Segars, Montana	JR	42	513	2	12.21

Punting *(minimum 3.6 punts per game)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Graham Whitlock, Gardner-Webb	JR	12	57	2593	45.49
Mark Gould, Northern Ariz.	SR	13	58	2610	45.00
Nate McKinney, Appalachian St.	SR	11	74	3294	44.51
Jesse Nicassio, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	53	2354	44.42
Kyle McQuown, Idaho St.	FR	12	71	3118	43.92
Ryan Hoffman, Illinois St.	SO	10	36	1570	43.61
Cory Elolf, Texas St.	JR	12	48	2081	43.35
Steve Bulcavage, Towson	SR	12	70	3033	43.33
Aaron Bass, East Tenn. St.	SR	12	73	3121	42.75
Cameron Muro, Hampton	SO	11	61	2566	42.07
Stanton Horne, Western Caro.	SR	12	57	2391	41.95
Jim Hall, Southeastern La.	SO	12	50	2094	41.88
Sean Dennis, Monmouth	FR	12	70	2913	41.61
Nick Englehart, James Madison	SO	12	49	2035	41.53
Tyson Johnson, Montana	FR	13	56	2316	41.36
Patrick Jordan, Indiana St.	SR	12	75	3097	41.29
Michael Mesi, William & Mary	JR	10	42	1731	41.21
Richie Rhodes, Jacksonville St.	JR	12	67	2761	41.21

Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Chris Snyder, Montana	SR	13	30	25	.833	1.92
Matt Lange, Western Ky.	SR	13	28	23	.821	1.77
Jeremy Hershey, Idaho St.	SR	12	26	18	.692	1.50
John Troost, Yale	JR	10	19	15	.789	1.50
Danny Marshall, Furman	SR	11	20	16	.800	1.45
Matt Sharpe, VMI	JR	12	24	17	.708	1.42
Paul Ernster, Northern Ariz.	JR	13	30	18	.600	1.38
John Marino, McNeese St.	JR	12	21	16	.762	1.33
Greg Kuehn, William & Mary	SO	10	18	13	.722	1.30
Peter Veldman, Pennsylvania	SR	10	17	13	.765	1.30
Chris Onorato, Hofstra	JR	12	22	15	.682	1.25
Derek Kutz, Southeast Mo. St.	JR	12	21	15	.714	1.25
Yonnick Matthews, N.C. A&T	SR	12	24	15	.625	1.25
Stephen Carroll, Illinois St.	JR	12	19	15	.789	1.25
Tyler Lavin, Dartmouth	JR	10	17	12	.706	1.20
Brian Wingert, Northern Iowa	FR	11	15	13	.867	1.18
Ty Neil, Samford	SR	11	22	13	.591	1.18

Kickoff Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Corey Smith, Montana St.	SR	20	664	2	33.20
Chris Crawford, Nicholls St.	SO	20	646	2	32.30
Lewis Barr, Ga. Southern	SO	20	598	0	29.90
Cedric Bowen, Ark.-Pine Bluff	JR	25	739	1	29.56
Steven Rush, Southwest Mo. St.	JR	21	618	2	29.43
Jefferson Heidelberger, Montana	JR	22	628	0	28.55
Cletis Gordon, Jackson St.	SO	23	641	1	27.87
Keylam Davis, Southeastern La.	FR	20	554	2	27.70
Larry Johnson, Lafayette	SO	21	578	0	27.52
Cortland Finnegan, Samford	SO	21	577	1	27.48
Martin Gibson, Villanova	SO	15	409	1	27.27
David Bailey, New Hampshire	JR	18	486	1	27.00
Dante Ross, Bucknell	SO	18	484	0	26.89
Josh Cayson, Youngstown St.	SO	16	428	0	26.75
Greg Moss, Florida Int'l	JR	24	641	1	26.71
Arel Gordon, Maine	FR	15	399	1	26.60
Ricky Williams, Bethune-Cookman	SO	15	398	1	26.53

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Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ga. Southern	11	664	3692	5.56	32	335.64
Rhode Island	12	707	4005	5.66	27	333.75
Nicholls St.	11	616	3439	5.58	42	312.64
Albany (N.Y.)	11	568	3215	5.66	32	292.27
Dayton	11	594	2914	4.91	40	264.91
Southern Ill.	12	618	3173	5.13	41	264.42
Wofford	14	795	3616	4.55	43	258.29
Western Ky.	13	605	3155	5.21	34	242.69
Northeastern	12	530	2909	5.49	34	242.42
Bucknell	12	622	2908	4.68	26	242.33
Illinois St.	12	569	2908	5.11	25	242.33
Jacksonville St.	12	573	2905	5.07	31	242.08
Furman	11	499	2437	4.88	23	221.55
Bethune-Cookman	12	522	2646	5.07	29	220.50
Liberty	12	542	2614	4.82	26	217.83
Northwestern St.	12	552	2613	4.73	34	217.75
Harvard	10	484	2164	4.47	22	216.40
Coastal Caro.	11	500	2346	4.69	34	213.27
Northern Iowa	13	646	2764	4.28	27	212.62
Delaware	16	753	3322	4.41	43	207.63

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Monmouth	12	404	771	1.91	1	64.3
Alabama A&M	12	431	966	2.24	5	80.5
Grambling	12	373	1108	2.97	11	92.3
Pennsylvania	10	346	929	2.68	8	92.9
Montana	13	478	1217	2.55	10	93.6
Colgate	16	510	1517	2.97	19	94.8
Dayton	11	376	1058	2.81	6	96.2
Albany (N.Y.)	11	431	1149	2.67	9	104.5
Harvard	10	365	1076	2.95	9	107.6
Bethune-Cookman	12	455	1306	2.87	16	108.8
Northern Ariz.	13	405	1438	3.55	17	110.6
Southern U.	13	432	1438	3.33	7	110.6
Alabama St.	13	459	1449	3.16	16	111.5
Western Caro.	12	507	1343	2.65	18	111.9
Northwestern St.	12	441	1345	3.05	10	112.1
Southern Ill.	12	452	1348	2.98	10	112.3
Delaware	16	598	1829	3.06	15	114.3
Maine	11	398	1263	3.17	10	114.8

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
San Diego	10	741	4833	6.52	54	483.30
Yale	10	795	4797	6.03	45	479.70
Grambling	12	883	5585	6.33	57	465.42
Harvard	10	769	4618	6.01	45	461.80
Duquesne	11	789	5010	6.35	48	455.45
Valparaiso	12	838	5370	6.41	53	447.50
Texas St.	12	946	5321	5.62	42	443.42
Drake	12	873	5281	6.05	45	440.08
Pennsylvania	10	766	4382	5.72	44	438.20
Dayton	11	789	4763	6.04	53	433.00
Northeastern	12	802	5182	6.46	53	431.83
McNeese St.	12	876	5098	5.82	52	424.83
Northern Ariz.	13	1007	5503	5.46	51	423.31
Southern U.	13	855	5483	6.41	70	421.77
Illinois St.	12	914	5040	5.51	39	420.00
Western Ill.	13	929	5416	5.83	61	416.62
Rhode Island	12	852	4992	5.86	39	416.00

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Monmouth	12	783	2931	3.74	13	244.25
Alabama A&M	12	790	3072	3.89	26	256.00
N.C. A&T	13	801	3486	4.35	33	268.15
Furman	11	716	2998	4.19	18	272.55
Albany (N.Y.)	11	727	3070	4.22	24	279.09
Western Ky.	13	851	3688	4.33	27	283.69
Hampton	11	763	3151	4.13	29	286.45
Bethune-Cookman	12	792	3440	4.34	32	286.67
Northwestern St.	12	773	3448	4.46	32	287.33
Dayton	11	697	3161	4.54	24	287.36
Robert Morris	10	617	2901	4.70	30	290.10
Montana St.	13	878	3852	4.39	26	296.31
Southern U.	13	837	3909	4.67	24	300.69
Villanova	11	731	3322	4.54	22	302.00
Colgate	16	1074	4835	4.50	38	302.19
Delaware	16	1065	4848	4.55	32	303.00
Lehigh	11	757	3354	4.43	23	304.91

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
	GAINED			LOST			
Wofford	19	22	41	10	8	18	1.64
Austin Peay	19	16	35	4	13	17	1.64
Pennsylvania	14	19	33	7	10	17	1.60
Dayton	18	15	33	10	8	18	1.36
San Diego	11	14	25	8	4	12	1.30
Delaware	24	16	40	14	7	21	1.19
Eastern Wash.	13	15	28	10	5	15	1.18
Coastal Caro.	17	17	34	12	10	22	1.09
Alabama A&M	16	24	40	9	18	27	1.08
Jacksonville St.	17	15	32	11	8	19	1.08
Appalachian St.	13	19	32	14	7	21	1.00
Southern U.	17	17	34	5	16	21	1.00
Northeastern	16	13	29	8	9	17	1.00
Bucknell	13	20	33	17	5	22	0.92
East Tenn. St.	17	17	34	14	9	23	0.92
Yale	12	8	20	4	7	11	0.90
N.C. A&T	12	23	35	16	8	24	0.85
Northern Ariz.	12	24	36	11	14	25	0.85
New Hampshire	13	20	33	13	10	23	0.83

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Grambling	12	538	291	14	54.09	3862	7.18	34	321.8
Valparaiso	12	422	241	10	57.11	3828	9.07	39	319.0
Southeastern La.	12	621	373	20	60.06	3788	6.10	32	315.7
San Diego	10	341	208	4	61.00	3126	9.17	35	312.6
Yale	10	385	230	7	59.74	3073	7.98	23	307.3
Idaho St.	12	512	300	17	58.59	3595	7.02	31	299.6
Duquesne	11	357	211	17	59.10	3159	8.85	27	287.2
Northern Ariz.	13	449	262	14	58.35	3660	8.15	30	281.5
Samford	11	428	256	9	59.81	2986	6.98	26	271.5
Columbia	10	394	229	13	58.12	2701	6.86	17	270.1
Southern U.	13	403	261	16	64.76	3481	8.64	33	267.8
Pennsylvania	10	356	220	10	61.80	2674	7.51	28	267.4
Southeast Mo. St.	12	448	268	15	59.82	3188	7.12	12	265.7
Drake	12	397	215	13	54.16	3143	7.92	25	261.9
Texas St.	12	474	240	17	50.63	3129	6.60	21	260.8
Fordham	12	420	255	14	60.71	3105	7.39	23	258.8
Lafayette	11	398	236	16	59.30	2795	7.02	23	254.1
Holy Cross	12	452	249	12	55.09	3014	6.67	24	251.2

Pass-Efficiency Defense

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
South Carolina St.	12	322	147	45.65	12	3.73	1790	5.56	8	2.48	93.14
Howard	11	277	136	49.10	9	3.25	1494	5.39	5	1.81	93.86
N.C. A&T	13	348	171	49.14	23	6.61	1941	5.58	13	3.74	95.06
Wagner	11	289	140	48.44	15	5.19	1728	5.98	8	2.77	97.38
Furman	11	272	150	55.15	12	4.41	1461	5.37	5	1.84	97.46
Stephen F. Austin	11	380	179	47.11	17	4.47	2252	5.93	11	2.89	97.49
Fordham	12	359	179	49.86	16	4.46	2058	5.73	11	3.06	99.25
Monmouth	12	379	194	51.19	17	4.49	2160	5.70	11	2.90	99.68
Southwest Mo. St.	11	261	133	50.96	16	6.13	1508	5.78	11	4.21	101.18
Southern U.	13	405	195	48.15	17	4.20	2471	6.10	13	3.21	101.55
Alabama A&M	12	359	173	48.19	24	6.69	2106	5.87	19	5.29	101.57
Beth.-Cookman	12	337	146	43.32	14	4.15	2134	6.33	14	4.15	101.89
Alcorn St.	12	369	191	51.76	19	5.15	2209	5.99	13	3.52	103.41
Lehigh	11	346	172	49.71	16	4.62	1966	5.68	16	4.62	103.44
Morehead St.	11	328	149	45.43	15	4.57	2160	6.59	12	3.66	103.64
Hampton	11	315	158	50.16	8	2.54	1770	5.62	11	3.49	103.84
Colgate	16	564	294	52.13	19	3.37	3318	5.88	16	2.84	104.14

Scoring Offense

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Southern U.	13	520	70	40.0
San Diego	10	399	54	39.9
Grambling	12	439	57	36.5
Southern Ill.	12	437	59	36.4
Dayton	11	400	53	36.3
Western Ill.	13	472	61	36.3
Yale	10	354	45	35.4
Nicholls St.	11	389	53	35.3
Delaware	16	555	73	34.6
Pennsylvania	10	346	44	34.6
Northeastern	12	414	53	34.5
New Hampshire	12	406	54	33.8
Valparaiso	12	406	53	33.8
McNeese St.	12	405	52	33.7
Alabama St.	13	434	57	33.3
Alabama A&M	12	398	51	33.1
Montana	13	430	51	33.0

Scoring Defense

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Monmouth	12	102	13	8.5
Furman	11	155	18	14.1
Wofford	14	207	26	14.8
Southern U.	13	195	24	15.0
Delaware	16	247	32	15.4
Alabama A&M	12	194	26	16.2
Villanova	11	178	22	16.2
Pennsylvania	10	164	21	16.4
Montana St.	13	215	26	16.5
Dayton	11	183	24	16.6
Albany (N.Y.)	11	185	24	16.8
Lehigh	11	185	23	16.8
Morehead St.	11	185	23	16.8
Western Ky.	13	219	27	16.8
N.C. A&T	13	236	33	18.2
Northeastern	12	219	30	18.3
Duquesne	11	202	26	18.4

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Atlantic Coast

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida State	7	1	269	138	10	3	419	217
Maryland	6	2	220	159	10	3	406	206
Clemson	5	3	210	158	9	4	365	250
Virginia	4	4	216	181	8	5	364	265
N.C. State	4	4	256	250	8	5	489	385
Georgia Tech	4	4	151	178	7	6	274	266
Wake Forest	3	5	242	236	5	7	335	347
Duke	2	6	139	265	4	8	211	343
North Carolina	1	7	184	322	2	10	317	459

Big East

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami (FL)	6	1	193	113	11	2	361	196
West Virginia	6	1	248	158	8	5	376	297
Pittsburgh	5	2	206	183	8	5	389	311
Virginia Tech	4	3	216	152	8	5	460	299
Boston College	3	4	176	196	8	5	370	331
Syracuse	2	5	141	191	6	6	320	301
Rutgers	2	5	162	214	5	7	329	354
Temple	0	7	125	260	1	11	235	393

Big Ten

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	7	1	286	150	10	3	460	219
Ohio State	6	2	175	124	11	2	322	229
Purdue	6	2	198	138	9	4	349	226
Minnesota	5	3	285	204	10	3	503	285
Iowa	5	3	198	160	10	3	373	210
Michigan State	5	3	249	191	8	5	363	293
Wisconsin	4	4	226	180	7	6	355	306
Northwestern	4	4	148	202	6	7	263	326
Penn State	1	7	154	190	3	9	233	255
Indiana	1	7	104	279	2	10	177	388
Illinois	0	8	112	317	1	11	203	398

Big 12

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NORTH								
Kansas State	6	2	290	121	11	4	549	244
Nebraska	5	3	188	154	10	3	322	188
Missouri	4	4	250	198	8	5	399	287
Kansas	3	5	209	247	6	7	384	396
Colorado	3	5	228	255	5	7	319	398
Iowa State	0	8	71	343	2	10	173	437
SOUTH								
Oklahoma	8	0	412	90	12	2	601	214
Texas	7	1	308	182	10	3	533	280
Oklahoma State	5	3	241	259	9	4	467	326
Texas Tech	4	4	344	296	8	5	552	442
Texas A&M	2	6	205	356	4	8	304	465
Baylor	1	7	121	366	3	9	191	455

Conference USA

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Southern Miss	8	0	226	117	9	4	293	226
TCU	7	1	269	202	11	2	380	276
Louisville	5	3	289	242	9	4	450	361
Memphis	5	3	217	138	9	4	393	250
South Florida	5	3	177	160	7	4	276	224
Houston	4	4	286	301	7	6	448	468
UAB	4	4	189	190	5	7	245	287
Tulane	3	5	244	274	5	7	337	424
Cincinnati	2	6	190	216	5	7	303	319
East Carolina	1	7	174	280	1	11	217	428
Army	0	8	127	268	0	13	206	476

Mid-American

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Miami (OH)	8	0	374	124	13	1	602	272
Marshall	6	2	230	170	8	4	350	278
Akron	5	3	257	246	7	5	435	353
Kent State	4	4	261	274	5	7	321	396
Central Florida	2	6	131	221	3	9	224	373
Ohio	1	7	192	244	2	10	263	372
Buffalo	1	7	138	289	1	11	177	445
WEST								
Bowling Green	7	1	246	165	11	3	470	304
Northern Illinois	6	2	281	196	10	2	386	258
Toledo	6	2	280	189	8	4	389	285
Western Michigan	4	4	211	220	5	7	331	370
Ball State	3	5	173	249	4	8	292	393
Eastern Michigan	2	6	145	240	3	9	205	371
Central Michigan	1	7	154	246	3	9	277	428

Mountain West

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Utah	6	1	213	144	10	2	344	229
New Mexico	5	2	206	138	8	5	391	290
Colorado State	4	3	216	162	7	6	381	318
Air Force	3	4	161	169	7	5	322	242
San Diego State	3	4	111	145	6	6	224	207
BYU	3	4	114	161	4	8	196	310
UNLV	2	5	132	169	6	6	256	272
Wyoming	2	5	141	206	4	8	286	360

Pac-10

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	1	342	161	12	1	534	239
Washington State	6	2	245	169	10	3	394	257
Oregon	5	3	209	216	8	5	356	348
California	5	3	267	170	8	6	457	341
Oregon State	4	4	270	224	8	5	433	301
Washington	4	4	203	233	6	6	312	316
UCLA	4	4	175	200	6	7	248	305
Arizona State	2	6	203	246	5	7	298	328
Stanford	2	6	130	243	4	7	186	324
Arizona	1	7	109	291	2	10	181	429

Southeastern

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Georgia	6	2	215	102	11	3	371	203
Tennessee	6	2	260	170	10	3	365	239
Florida	6	2	178	152	8	5	390	271
South Carolina	2	6	164	227	5	7	268	314
Kentucky	1	7	198	244	4	8	328	321
Vanderbilt	1	7	126	261	2	10	235	358
WEST								
LSU	7	1	228	90	13	1	475	154
Mississippi	7	1	218	150	10	3	442	285
Auburn	5	3	190	148	8	5	342	212
Arkansas	4	4	247	223	9	4	436	305
Alabama	2	6	216	237	4	9	331	333
Mississippi St.	1	7	93	329	2	10	225	471

Sun Belt

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	7	0	237	142	9	4	358	285
La. Lafayette	4	3	225	228	4	8	266	415
Middle Tenn. St.	4	3	213	204	4	8	332	375
Arkansas State	3	4	131	273	5	7	242	401
Utah State	3	4	193	136	3	9	264	315
Idaho	3	4	191	171	3	9	248	314
New Mexico State	2	5	154	172	3	9	262	341
Louisiana-Monroe	1	6	180	249	1	11	239	467

Western Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise State	8	0	375	143	13	1	602	239
Fresno State	6	2	203	168	9	5	322	317
Tulsa	6	2	272	193	8	5	400	361
Hawaii	5	3	242	211	9	5	486	427
Rice	5	3	292	217	5	7	343	378
Nevada	4	4	195	251	6	6	282	338
Louisiana Tech	3	5	237	275	5	7	310	394
San Jose State	2	6	217	290	3	8	259	386
UTEP	1	7	195	332	2	11	288	498
SMU	0	8	98	246	0	12	134	386

Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Connecticut	9	3	408	300
Navy	8	5	396	283
Troy State	6	6	185	272
Notre Dame	5	7	243	315

Division I-AA

Atlantic 10

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Delaware	8	1	295	193	15	1	555	247
Massachusetts	8	1	303	231	10	3	368	295
Northeastern	6	3	265	185	8	4	414	219
Villanova	5	4	250	152	7	4	314	178
Maine	5	4	176	169	7	5	297	237
William & Mary	4	4	229	219	5	5	287	299
James Madison	4	5	214	228	6	6	307	284
New Hampshire	3	6	261	303	5	7	406	380
Rhode Island	3	6	230	278	4	8	309	381
Hofstra	2	7	161	249	2	10	247	368
Richmond	1	8	137	314	2	9	189	370

Big Sky

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Montana State	5	2	197	115	7	6	330	212
Montana	5	2	240	122	9	4	430	266
Northern Arizona	5	2	233	192	9	4	409	305
Idaho State	4	3	221	260	8	4	445	443
Weber State	4	3	183	165	8	4	325	241
Eastern Wash.	3	4	230	247	6	5	344	321
Portland State	1	6	105	214	4	7	220	327
Sacramento State	1	6	117	211	2	9	237	332

Big South

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Gardner Webb	4	0	148	59	8	4	335	254
Liberty	3	1	103	82	6	6	306	378
VMI	2	2	122	85	6	6	359	257
Coast Carolina	1	3	96	109	6	5	309	253
Char. Southern	0	4	27	161	1	11	148	513

Gateway

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Southern Illinois	6	1	231	153	10	2	437	229
Northern Iowa	6	1	195	144	10	3	390	246
Western Kentucky	5	2	208	121	9	4	427	219
Western Illinois	5	2	270	213	9	4	472	331
Illinois State	3	4	189	183	6	6	318	293
Youngstown State	2	5	148	228	5	7	281	283
SMS	1	6	169	210	4	7	288	276
Indiana State	0	7	107	265	3	9	177	387

Ivy League

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Pennsylvania	7	0	250	117	10	0	346	164
Harvard	4	3	212	151	7	3	317	221
Yale	4	3	211	187	6	4	354	283
Brown	4	3	192	192	5	5	243	246
Dartmouth	4	3	161	168	5	5	211	261
Columbia	3	4	135	189	4	6	211	283
Princeton	2	5	175	181	2	8	204	267
Cornell	0	7	65	216	1	9	130	304

Metro Atlantic Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Duquesne	5	0	210	70	8	3	345	202
Iona	4	1	128	104	6	5	260	275
Marist	2	3	102	123	4	6	187	317
La Salle	2	3	121	164	3	8	233	353
St. Peter's	2	3	86	114	2	8	144	304
Siena	0	5	65	137	0	11	109	345

Mid-Eastern Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N. Carolina A&T	7	1	204	149	10	3	294	236
Bethune Cookman	6	2	235	168	9	3	376	252
South Carolina St.	6	2	237	150	8	4	364	229
Hampton	5	3	244	158	7	4	351	212
Morgan State	4	4	230	211	6	5	318	318
Florida A&M	4	4	215	158	6	6	278	280
Howard	3	5	133	170	4	7	208	265
Delaware State	1	7	134	251	1	10	182	348
Norfolk State	0	8	140	357	1	11	192	479

Northeast

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Monmouth	6	1	121	73	10	2	247	102
Albany	6	1	216	69	7	4	299	185
Stony Brook	4	3	201	165	6	4	284	237
Robert Morris	4	3	154	139	6	4	246	219
Sacred Heart	3	4	134	181	6	5	286	280
Wagner	3	4	140	150	6	5	231	203
Central Conn.	2	5	147	195	3	8	231	359
St. Francis (PA)	0	7	109	250	1	9	168	367

Ohio Valley

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Jacksonville St.	7	1	278	161	8	4	316	278
Eastern Kentucky	6	2	255	204	7	5	347	352
Samford	5	3	258	188	7	4	350	276
Tennessee State	5	3	236	210	7	5	348	285
SE Missouri State	5	3	239	207	5	7	262	290
Murray State	3	5	168	252	4	8	225	338
Eastern Illinois	3	5	162	187	4	8	210	268
Tennessee Tech	1	7	183	248	2	9	245	340
Tenn. Martin	1	7	164	286	2	10	198	439

Patriot League

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colgate	7	0	219	114	15	1	480	303
Lehigh	6	1	226	99	8	3	330	185
Fordham	4	3	179	158	9	3	386	251
Bucknell	4	3	175	197	6	6	284	300
Towson	3	4	118	142	6	6	271	265
Lafayette	2	5	170	175	5	6	315	249
Georgetown	1	6	126	223	4	8	271	328
Holy Cross	1	6	185	290	1	11	312	478

Pioneer Football League

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NORTH								
Valparaiso	3	1	146	132	8	4	406	333
San Diego	3	1	169	113	8	2	399	215
Dayton	2	2	129	89	9	2	400	183
Drake	1	3	119	130	6	6	342	307
Butler	1	3	39	138	2	9	119	418
SOUTH								
Morehead State	3	0	104	26	8	3	327	185
Jacksonville	1	2	75	57	5	6	268	307
Austin Peay	1	2	31	100	4	7	194	276
Davidson	1	2	68	95	3	8	246	364

Southern

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wofford	8	0	246	91	12	2	383	207
Appalachian St.	6	2	204	123	7	4	252	219
Georgia Southern	5	3	224	163	7	4	311	232
Furman	4	4	185	110	6	5	278	155
The Citadel	4	4	163	176	6	6	261	311
Western Carolina	3	5	144	197	5	7	251	301
UT-Chattanooga	3	5	143	281	3	9	195	421
East Tenn. St.	2	6	158	175	5	7	270	233
Elon University	1	7	70	221	2	10	119	314

Southland Football League

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
McNeese State	5	0	190	119	10	2	405	284
Stephen F. Austin	4	1	165	108	7	4	341	230
Nicholls State	3	2	152	144	5	6	389	278
Northwestern St.	1	4	126	145	6	6	386	265
Texas State	1	4	136	190	4	8	315	417
Sam Houston St.	1	4	137	200	2	9	239	406

Southwestern Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Alabama State	5	2	255	167	8	5	434	327
Alcorn State	5	2	213	163	7	5	361	318
Alabama A&M	4	3	210	161	8	4	398	194
Jackson State	2	5	139	203	2	10	201	338
Miss. Valley St.	1	6	108	211	2	9	181	331
WEST								
Southern	6	1	307	143	12	1	520	195
Grambling	6	1	309	119	9	3	439	258
Texas Southern	3	4	151	167	5	6	213	331
Ark Pine Bluff	3	4	125	166	4	7	211	291
Prairie View	0	7	44	361	1	9	99	522

Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Northern Colorado	9	2	412	173
Florida Atlantic	11	3	397	293
Cal Poly	7	4	316	241
SE Louisiana	5	7	369	382
Southern Utah	4	7	240	286
Florida International	2	10	270	341
St. Mary's (CA)	1	11	165	471
Savannah State	0	12	109	488

Division II

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Bowie St.	5	2	112	72	6	5	146	112
Virginia Union	5	2	174	120	6	4	222	160
Shaw	4	3	158	114	7	3	273	170
Virginia St.	3	4	187	149	5	5	240	225
Elizabeth City St.	2	5	75	189	2	8	95	242
WEST								
Fayetteville St.	5	2	243	164	8	3	257	181
Winston-Salem St.	5	2	245	120	7	3	321	195
Livingstone	3	4	144	154	3	7	204	273
Saint Augustine's	3	4	201	232	5	5	251	248
N.C. Central	2	5	140	197	4	6	192	260
Johnson C. Smith	1	6	63	231	1	9	112	373

Great Lakes

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Saginaw Valley St.	10	0	371	154	12	1	437	187
Grand Valley St.	9	1	426	149	14	1	510	194
Northwood	6	4	293	220	6	5	307	250
Ferris St.	5	5	260	266	6	5	285	286
Indianapolis	5	5	243	361	6	5	287	368
Findlay	5	5	174	239	6	5	225	270
Michigan Tech	5	5	352	321	5	5	352	321
Mercyhurst	4	6	153	271	5	6	279	292
Hillsdale	4	6	259	283	4	7	263	308
Northern Michigan	3	7	263	347	3	8	263	409
Wayne St.	2	8	223	333	3	8	261	354
Ashland	2	8	167	240	2	9	173	252

Great Northwest Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	3	0	68	49	4	6	241	328
Central Washington	2	1	92	77	6	4	289	240
Western Oregon	1	2	57	72	4	6	212	261
Humboldt St.	0	3	36	55	3	7	198	268

Gulf South

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North Alabama	9	0	336	113	13	1	432	136
Valdosta St.	8	1	296	151	10	1	362	171
Delta St.	7	2	357	201	9	2	450	208

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Southern Arkansas	7	2	300	213	9	3	361	237
Ouachita Baptist	4	5	258	283	5	5	288	310
Arkansas Tech	4	5	159	223	5	6	202	270
Central Arkansas	3	6	228	217	5	6	300	257
Harding	3	6	176	246	4	6	198	265
Ark.-Monticello	3	6	252	304	4	7	302	355
Henderson St.	3	6	248	328	4	7	289	444
West Georgia	2	7	163	365	3	8	191	413
West Alabama	1	8	200	329	2	9	252	390

Lone Star

NORTH								
Tarleton St.	4	1	187	130	8	4	403	277
Central Oklahoma	3	2	162	161	9	3	332	303
SE Oklahoma St.	3	2	174	145	7	3	355	253
East Central Oklahoma	2	3	109	143	3	8	149	304
NE Oklahoma St.	2	3	218	221	3	7	296	358
SW Oklahooma St.	1	4	96	148	5	6	246	240
SOUTH								
Texas A&M-Kingsville	6	0	196	93	11	2	395	228
Abilene Christian	5	1	143	95	6	4	277	190
Midwestern St.	4	2	187	118	7	3	222	190
Eastern New Mexico	2	4	118	144	6	5	251	204
Angelo St.	2	4	121	192	3	8	200	341
West Texas A&M	2	4	151	180	3	8	284	364
Texas A&M-Commerce	0	6	48	142	1	10	128	270

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Central Mo. St.	7	2	344	198	9	2	481	224
Emporia St.	7	2	265	183	9	3	324	207
Pittsburgh St.	7	2	343	125	9	3	445	139
Mo. Western	7	2	261	146	9	3	288	195
NW Missouri St.	7	2	302	188	8	3	325	224
Truman St.	4	5	142	258	4	7	161	356
Washburn	3	6	228	304	5	6	284	308
Southwest Baptist	2	7	215	265	3	8	270	302
Mo. Southern St.	1	8	127	326	1	10	161	368
Mo.-Rolla	0	9	210	444	0	11	224	500

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

North Dakota	7	0	211	139	12	2	349	217
Neb.-Omaha	5	2	219	164	8	3	391	265
North Dakota St.	5	2	206	90	8	3	331	168
South Dakota St.	4	3	170	146	7	4	297	192
St. Cloud St.	4	3	215	169	7	4	366	262
South Dakota	2	5	99	188	5	6	223	258
Augustana (S.D.)	1	6	127	203	4	7	249	314
Minn. St.-Mankato	0	7	98	246	0	11	151	355

Northeast-10

Bentley	9	0	412	154	10	1	510	219
C.W. Post	8	1	319	98	9	2	366	163
Southern Conn. St.	7	2	309	184	9	2	375	201
Merrimack	6	3	233	182	6	3	233	182
American Int'l	5	4	216	162	5	4	216	162
Bryant	3	6	194	222	3	7	209	257
Assumption	2	7	96	304	4	7	151	322
St. Anselm	2	7	126	286	3	7	149	294
Pace	2	7	123	283	2	8	145	312
Stonehill	1	8	137	290	1	10	159	390

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic

Winona St.	7	1	329	134	10	1	454	173
Concordia-St. Paul	7	1	291	195	8	3	385	307
Minn.-Duluth	6	2	281	162	8	3	401	198
Bemidji St.	5	3	260	218	7	4	342	271
Northern St.	4	4	334	250	7	4	428	304
Wayne St.	2	6	180	303	3	8	240	387
Morehead St. (Minn.)	2	6	198	283	3	8	291	387
Southwest St.	1	7	135	317	3	8	269	385
Minn.-Crookston	1	7	146	292	2	9	199	450

Pennsylvania State Athletic

EASTERN								
East Stroudsburg	5	1	236	151	8	3	394	250
Bloomsburg	5	1	225	134	7	4	342	323
West Chester	4	2	214	109	8	3	355	237
Mansfield	3	3	172	191	8	3	302	238
Kutztown	3	3	152	136	6	5	242	255
Millersville	1	5	100	153	4	7	184	258
Cheyney	0	6	71	296	2	9	160	435
WESTERN								
Indiana (Pa.)	5	1	148	96	10	1	323	182
Edinboro	5	1	182	90	9	3	321	150
Shippensburg	4	2	199	85	8	3	348	163
California (Pa.)	2	4	158	81	4	7	370	154
Slippery Rock	2	4	70	139	4	7	153	211
Clarion	2	4	93	115	3	8	215	244
Lock Haven	1	5	98	213	3	8	202	333

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Mesa St.	8	0	363	163	10	2	439	250
Chadron St.	6	2	270	211	8	2	356	255
Fort Hays St.	5	3	204	182	6	5	270	248
Colorado Mines	4	4	253	245	6	5	348	296
Neb.-Kearney	4	4	305	227	5	5	361	280
Western St.	4	4	235	240	5	6	277	336
Adams St.	3	5	248	225	4	7	310	312
Fort Lewis	2	6	184	320	3	8	220	405
N.M. Highlands	0	8	139	388	0	11	184	547

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	6	1	268	184	11	2	439	238
Catawba	6	1	200	157	9	2	286	205
Tusculum	6	1	243	127	9	2	390	175
Mars Hill	3	4	134	158	7	4	256	221
Wingate	2	5	157	229	5	6	287	308
Presbyterian	2	5	188	155	4	6	267	190
Newberry	2	5	126	215	3	7	217	298
Lenoir-Rhyne	1	6	116	207	3	8	176	315

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Albany (Ga.) St.	7	1	289	97	10	2	382	125
Miles College	6	2	234	145	7	3	297	195
Kentucky St.	6	2	200	131	7	4	272	214
Fort Valley St.	5	3	182	141	7	4	280	194
Benedict College	4	4	116	176	6	5	167	243
Tuskegee	4	4	162	170	5	6	210	277
Morehouse	3	5	189	191	4	7	262	308
Lane College	1	7	104	273	2	9	142	317
Clark-Atlanta	0	8	152	304	0	11	179	397

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

West Va. Wesleyan	7	0	272	111	9	2	372	208
Glenville St.	4	3	193	159	5	6	288	307
Shepherd	4	3	199	113	4	6	227	216
Fairmont St.	3	4	139	182	4	6	214	276
West Liberty St.	3	4	160	265	3	7	231	365
West Virginia St.	3	4	147	170	3	8	239	340
Concord	2	5	132	200	3	8	176	300
West Va. Tech	2	5	165	207	3	8	222	368
Charleston (WV)	0	0	0	0	2	9	205	406

Independents

Gannon	9	1	347	180
North Greenville	6	4	335	306
Panhandle St.	6	5	272	321
Tiffin	6	5	312	285
Lincoln (MO)	4	7	159	347
Western N.M.	3	7	185	309
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	2	9	186	414
Kentucky Wesleyan	1	9	132	470
New Haven	1	9	187	355

Division III

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA

American Southwest

Mary Hardin-Baylor	8	1	392	105	9	1	419	120
East Texas Baptist	8	1	323	119	9	3	337	154
Hardin-Simmons	8	1	339	145	8	2	360	176
Howard Payne	6	3	334	187	6	4	334	229
Louisiana College	4	5	173	279	4	6	180	327
McMurry	4	5	201	299	4	6	221	320
Austin	3	6	120	264	3	7	134	306
Mississippi College	2	7	115	265	3	7	128	265
Texas Lutheran	2	7	172	296	2	8	172	336
Sul Ross State	0	9	123	333	0	10	128	362

Atlantic Central

Frostburg State	3	0	85	65	4	5	192	225
Salisbury	2	1	79	47	7	2	285	116
Wesley	1	2	110	76	6	4	373	192
Apprentice	0	3	18	104	1	8	64	238

Centennial

Muhlenberg	5	1	167	76	7	3	225	113
Johns Hopkins	5	1	143	71	10	1	251	87
McDaniel	4	2	124	96	5	5	198	157
Franklin & Marshall	3	3	135	120	4	6	215	220
Gettysburg	2	4	99	114	5	5	218	189
Dickinson	2	4	93	164	4	6	158	233
Ursinus	0	6	67	187	3	7	183	24

College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Wheaton (Ill.)	7	0	281	141	12	1	388	201
Augustana (Ill.)	6	1	230	132	7	3	272	180
Elmhurst	4	3	206	165	7	3	329	192
North Central	4	3	160	184	7	3	253	198
Millikin	3	4	235	196	6	4	362	241
Illinois Wesleyan	3	4	167	164	5	5	233	228
Carthage	1	6	116	214	3	7	232	257
North Park	0	7	75	274	2	8	129	353

Empire Eight

Ithaca College	4	0	118	37	10	3	295	148
St. John Fisher	3	1	160	60	8	3	339	157
Alfred	2	2	96	78	5	5	180	169
Hartwick	1	3	73	110	2	7	182	271
Utica	0	4	19	181	1	9	83	325

Freedom

Springfield	6	0	300	87	10	1	432	148
Norwich	4	2	188	148	6	5	270	239
Merchant Marine	3	3	124	136	6	4	202	186
Western Connecticut	3	3	178	122	6	4	347	159
Coast Guard	3	3	108	139	4	5	188	232
Worcester Polytech	2	4	162	188	4	6	303	274
Plymouth State	0	6	20	260	0	10	41	423

Heartland

Hanover	6	0	272	133	8	3	387	261
Anderson	5	1	219	182	7	3	333	326
Mt. St. Joseph	4	2	120	72	6	4	198	150
Defiance	3	3	164	192	4	6	213	285
Franklin	2	4	158	180	2	8	219	297
Manchester	1	5	112	179	2	8	139	307
Bluffton	0	6	102	209	2	8	193	301

Illini Badger

Concordia (Wis.)	7	0	330	56	9	2	417	93
Lakeland	6	1	331	112	8	2	401	167
Aurora	5	2	220	124	5	5	273	236
MacMurray	3	4	118	160	5	5	163	204
Greenville	2	5	164	235	3	7	223	324
Benedictine	2	5	128	239	2	8	155	382
Concordia (Ill.)	2	5	103	254	2	8	152	375
Eureka	1	6	88	302	1	9	121	390

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Wartburg	8	0	306	100	11	1	388	107
Simpson	7	1	276	117	9	2	362	153
Loras	5	3	164	201	7	3	232	242
Buena Vista	4	4	193	211	6	4	273	259
Luther	4	4	147	144	6	4	217	167
Central	3	5	197	169	5	5	238	183
Coe	3	5	213	210	5	5	292	244
Cornell	2	6	234	356	4	6	324	420
Upper Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	9	188	402
Dubuque	0	8	95	317	0	10	150	412

Michigan Intercollegiate

Hope	5	1	186	107	7	4	318	230
Adrian	4	2	184	182	8	2	319	240
Albion	4	2	127	114	6	4	210	186
Alma	3	3	150	170	6	4	298	226
Wisconsin Lutheran	3	3	159	150	5	5	256	215
Kalamazoo	2	4	125	137	6	4	248	185
Olivet	0	6	169	240	4	6	334	293

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate

Lycoming	8	1	286	150	9	2	286	150
Wilkes	7	2	363	146	8	3	363	146
Delaware Valley	7	2	328	266	9	2	354	278
King's	6	3	268	210	7	4	289	224
Albright	6	3	295	284	7	3	332	303
Widener	4	5	290	234	5	5	316	253
Susquehanna	4	5	236	309	4	6	253	333
Juniata	3	6	189	289	3	7	200	317
Moravian	3	6	177	185	3	7	177	209
Lebanon Valley	1	8	192	379	1	9	199	431
FDU-Florham	0	9	68	240	1	9	92	240

Midwest Collegiate Athletic

St. Norbert	9	0	369	116	11	1	390	135
Monmouth	8	1	303	176	8	2	324	214
Lake Forest	6	3	182	131	7	3	215	152
Ripon	5	4	182	194	6	4	231	202
Illinois College	3	6	204	227	4	6	230	227
Beloit	3	6	164	250	4	6	210	269
Knox	3	6	191	216	4	6	219	228
Carroll	3	6	189	308	3	7	189	371
Lawrence	3	6	184	265	3	7	209	295
Grinnell	2	7	193	278	3	7	241	284

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

St. John's	8	0	307	107	14	0	381	117
Bethel	7	1	310	117	9	2	380	169
Concordia-Moorhead	6	2	270	130	7	3	353	202
Augsburg	4	4	129	211	5	5	169	282
Gustavus Adolphus	4	4	191	148	4	6	235	208
St. Olaf	3	5	184	239	4	6	241	276
St. Thomas	3	5	168	149	3	7	190	221
Carleton	1	7	97	255	3	7	185	308
Hamline	0	8	60	360	2	8	130	366

New England Football

BOYD DIVISION								
Curry	6	0	290	119	11	1	335	140
Mass-Dartmouth	4	2	213	102	9	2	262	102
Nichols	4	2	213	145	6	4	271	216
Endicott	3	3	156	157	4	5	170	212
Western New England	2	4	116	156	2	7	119	182
Salve Regina	2	4	129	259	2	8	136	352
MIT	1	5	122	225	3	6	129	225
BOGAN DIVISION								
Westfield St.	6	0	213	166	7	3	239	169
Worcester St.	5	1	294	112	8	3	337	170
Bridgewater St.	4	2	293	230	6	3	340	274
Fitchburg St.	3	3	290	131	5	4	295	154
Mass. Maritime	2	4	121	264	2	7	135	311
Maine Maritime	1	5	217	334	1	8	252	376
Framingham St.	0	6	34	301	0	9	34	308

New England Small College

Trinity (Conn.)	8	0	248	30	8	0	248	30
Williams	6	2	173	94	6	2	173	94
Colby	5	3	105	135	5	3	105	135
Tufts	5	3	134	112	5	3	134	112
Amherst	4	4	182	75	4	4	182	75
Wesleyan	4	4	125	230	4	4	125	230
Middlebury	4	4	148	156	4	4	148	156
Hamilton	2	6	159	255	2	6	159	255
Bates	2	6	98	169	2	6	98	169
Bowdoin	0	8	75	191	0	8	75	191

New Jersey Athletic

Montclair State	5	0	115	81	9	2	213	153
New Jersey City	4	1	124	68	6	4	226	139
Rowan	3	2	133	105	7	3	250	157
Cortland State	2	3	105	117	5	5	214	181
Kean	1	4	53	100	1	9	79	251
William Paterson	0	5	46	105	1	9	115	275

North Coast Athletic

Allegheny	6	0	196	94	7	4	245	170
Wabash	4	2	258	64	7	3	377	125
Oberlin	4	2	139	104	5	5	162	165
Wittenberg	4	2	259	106	8	2	432	174
Wooster	4	2	229	116	7	3	405	192
Ohio Wesleyan	2	4	131	200	4	6	134	231
Denison	2	4	123	247	3	7	157	368
Earlham	1	5	167	286	2	8	185	334
Hiram	0	6	92	260	1	9	138	422

Northwest

Linfield	5	0	205	45	11	1	387	135
Willamette	4	1	171	96	7	3	323	191
Pacific Lutheran	3	2	153	100	6	3	258	169
Whitworth	2	3	93	94	4	6	191	204
Lewis & Clark	1	4	39	220	3	6	181	350
Puget Sound	0	5	65	171	0	9	157	345

Ohio Athletic

Mount Union	9	0	453	43	13	1	493	60
Baldwin-Wallace	8	1	358	129	10	2	403	155
Capital	7	2	303	173	8	2	368	186
John Carroll	6	3	208	156	7	3	250	156
Muskingum	4	5	173	224	5	5	213	259
Ohio Northern	4	5	211	227	4	6	218	269
Otterbein	3	6	145	235	3	7	169	270
Wilmington	2	7	125	324	2	8	137	350
Marietta	1	8	138	321	2	8	178	3 2 8

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Old Dominion Athletic								
Bridgewater (Va.)	6	0	267	91	12	2	460	226
Hampden-Sydney	5	1	289	157	9	1	472	225
Randolph-Macon	3	3	87	166	4	6	133	269
Emory & Henry	3	3	164	157	5	5	238	265
Catholic	2	4	135	213	3	7	194	338
Guilford	1	5	127	185	2	8	195	303
Wash. & Lee	1	5	83	183	3	7	153	287
Presidents' Athletic								
Waynesburg	5	0	182	66	9	2	372	132
Wash. & Jeff.	4	1	131	85	9	2	285	160
Westminster (Pa.)	3	2	133	93	5	5	247	260
Grove City	2	3	91	148	5	5	246	252
Thiel	1	4	99	92	3	7	174	190
Bethany	0	5	20	172	1	9	113	357
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic								
Redlands	5	1	131	103	6	3	196	234
Cal Lutheran	4	2	232	143	5	4	272	230
Occidental	4	2	165	111	7	2	298	161
Claremont-M-S	4	2	154	115	6	3	236	177
Pomona Pitzer	3	3	155	156	5	4	249	239
Whittier	1	5	118	245	1	8	186	375
La Verne	0	6	86	168	1	8	142	299
Southern Collegiate Athletic								
Centre	5	1	166	187	8	2	281	233
Trinity (Texas)	5	1	175	68	8	3	309	124
Rhodes	4	2	177	113	7	3	313	209
Rose-Hulman	3	3	111	94	5	5	206	203
DePauw	3	3	168	142	5	5	292	235
Millsaps	1	5	114	220	1	9	167	315
Sewanee	0	6	60	147	3	7	190	244
University Athletic Association								
Washington U.	4	0	119	59	6	4	234	181
Rochester	3	1	112	141	5	5	228	233
Carnegie Mellon	2	2	108	80	6	4	328	254
Chicago	1	3	54	70	2	7	164	268
Case Western	0	4	67	139	5	5	253	293
Upper Midwest Athletic								
NORTH								
Martin Luther	5	2	242	131	7	2	268	145
Northwestern College	5	2	201	117	6	4	267	182
Minnesota-Morris	4	2	261	145	5	6	378	378
Crown	3	4	183	216	4	7	241	307
Trinity Bible	0	7	12	420	0	9	12	585
SOUTH								
Westminster (MO)	7	0	249	86	7	2	283	126
Rockford	5	1	273	112	7	3	395	190
Principia	2	5	168	251	3	6	221	311
Maranatha	2	5	142	166	2	7	149	216
Blackburn	1	6	109	196	2	8	151	270
Upstate Collegiate Athletic								
Rensselaer	3	1	160	76	11	2	436	247
Hobart	3	1	119	55	6	4	202	138
Union	2	2	69	104	5	5	196	220
Rochester	2	2	89	109	5	5	228	223
St. Lawrence	0	4	21	105	2	8	140	289
USA South Athletic								
Shenandoah	5	1	181	88	8	2	252	166
Christopher Newport	5	1	182	49	8	3	232	134
Ferrum	3	2	128	97	6	2	211	137
Averett	3	3	79	112	5	4	196	169
Methodist	3	3	134	170	4	5	226	230
Greensboro	1	5	63	147	3	7	127	209
Chowan	0	5	44	181	2	7	106	320
Wisconsin State University								
Wis.-La Crosse	6	1	238	150	10	2	330	186
Wis.-Stevens Point	5	2	256	164	8	2	394	186
Wis.-Whitewater	5	2	212	174	7	3	302	238
Wis.-Stout	4	3	206	180	6	4	308	241
Wis.-Eau Claire	4	3	224	239	5	5	328	328
Wis.-River Falls	2	5	181	220	2	7	223	305
Wis.-Oshkosh	1	6	118	206	4	6	203	235
Wis.-Platteville	1	6	138	240	3	7	212	311
Independents								
Brockport	9	2	294	141				
Menlo	7	3	397	241				
Thomas More	6	4	306	260				
Stillman	5	5	178	259				
Eastern Oregon	4	5	182	244				
Mount Ida	4	6	154	287				
Chapman	3	7	189	332				
Colorado College	2	7	237	339				
Buffalo State	2	8	153	279				
Maryville (TN)	2	8	145	369				
Macalester	1	8	127	369				

Bowl Games

Alamo ..... Nebraska 17, Michigan State 3
Capital One ..... Georgia 34, Purdue 27
Continental Tire ..... Virginia 23, Pittsburgh 16
Cotton ..... Mississippi 31, Oklahoma State 28
Fiesta ..... Ohio State 35, Kansas State 28
Fort Worth ..... Boise State 34, TCU 31
Gator ..... Maryland 41, West Virginia 7
GMAC ..... Miami (OH) 49, Louisville 28
Hawaii ..... Hawaii 54, Houston 48
Holiday ..... Washington State 28, Texas 20
Houston ..... Texas Tech 38, Navy 14
Humanitarian ..... Georgia Tech 52, Tulsa 10
Independence ..... Arkansas 27, Missouri 14
Insight.com ..... California 52, Virginia Tech 49
Las Vegas ..... Oregon State 55, New Mexico 14
Liberty ..... Utah 17, Southern Miss 0
Motor City ..... Bowling Green 28, N'western 24
Music City ..... Auburn 28, Wisconsin 14
New Orleans ..... Memphis 27, North Texas 17
Orange ..... Miami 16, Florida State 14
Outback ..... Iowa 37, Florida 17
Peach ..... Clemson 27, Tennessee 14
Rose ..... USC 28, Michigan 14
San Francisco ..... Boston College 35, Colorado St. 21
Silicon Valley ..... Fresno State 17, UCLA 9
Sugar ..... LSU 21, Oklahoma 14
Sun ..... Minnesota 31, Oregon 30
Tangerine ..... N.C. State 56, Kansas 26

Division I-AA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Colgate 19 ..... Massachusetts 7
Delaware 48 ..... Southern Illinois 7
Wofford 31 ..... North Carolina A&T 10
Florida Atlantic 32 ..... Bethune-Cookman 24
Western Illinois 43 ..... Montana 40 (2 OT)
Western Kentucky 45 ..... Jacksonville State 7
Northern Iowa 35 ..... Montana State 14
Northern Arizona 35 ..... McNeese State 3

QUARTERFINALS

Delaware 37 ..... Northern Iowa 7
Colgate 28 ..... Western Illinois 27
Wofford 34 ..... Western Kentucky 17
Florida Atlantic 48 ..... Northern Arizona 25

SEMIFINALS

Colgate 36 ..... Florida Atlantic 24
Delaware 24 ..... Wofford 9

CHAMPIONSHIP

Delaware 40 ..... Colgate 0

Division II Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

North Dakota 24 ..... Pittsburgh State 14
Winona State 10 ..... Emporia State 3
North Alabama 48 ..... Southern Arkansas 24
Carson-Newman 35 ..... Valdosta State 29
Saginaw Valley State 33 ..... Edinboro (Pa.) 9
Grand Valley State 65 ..... Bentley College 36
Central Oklahoma 20 ..... Mesa State 15
Texas A&M-Kingsville 34 ..... Tarleton State 10

QUARTERFINALS

North Dakota 36 ..... Winona State 29
Grand Valley State 10 ..... Saginaw Valley State 3
North Alabama 41 ..... Carson-Newman 9
Texas A&M-Kingsville 49 ..... Central Oklahoma 6

SEMIFINALS

North Dakota 29 ..... North Alabama 22
Grand Valley State 31 ..... Texas A&M-Kingsville 3

CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Valley State 10 ..... North Dakota 3

Division III Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Wisconsin-La Crosse 52 ..... Concordia (Wis.) 13
Baldwin-Wallace 54 ..... Hanover 32
Wheaton (Ill.) 55 ..... Hope 45
East Texas Baptist 42 ..... Trinity (Tx.) 41 (OT)
Bridgewater (Va.) 28 ..... Waynesburg 24
Christopher Newport 24 ..... Muhlenberg 20
Rensselaer 34 ..... Curry 20
Ithaca 14 ..... Brockport State 9
Montclair State 20 ..... Allegheny 19
St. Norbert 26 ..... Simpson 20 (2 OT)
Wartburg 21 ..... Bethel (Minn.) 7
Linfield 31 ..... Redlands 23

SECOND ROUND

Bridgewater 26 ..... Christopher Newport 3
Ithaca 33 ..... Montclair State 13
Mount Union 39 ..... Wisconsin-La Crosse 14
Lycoming 13 ..... East Texas Baptist 7 (OT)
Wheaton 16 ..... Baldwin-Wallace 12
Rensselaer 40 ..... Springfield 34
St. John's (Minn.) 38 ..... St. Norbert 13
Linfield 23 ..... Wartburg 20

QUARTERFINALS

Bridgewater 13 ..... Lycoming 9
Mount Union 56 ..... Wheaton 10
Rensselaer 21 ..... Ithaca 16
St. John's (Minn.) 31 ..... Linfield 25

SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 66 ..... Bridgewater 0
St. John's (Minn.) 38 ..... Rensselaer 10

CHAMPIONSHIP

St. John's (Minn.) 24 ..... Mount Union 6

NAIA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

St. Francis (Ind.) 34 ..... Georgetown (Ky.) 23
St. Ambrose (Iowa) 32 ..... MidAm. Naz. (Kan.) 31 (2 OT)
Mary (N.D.) 20 ..... Azusa Pacific 2
Sioux Falls (S.D.) 24 ..... Benedictine (Kan.) 21
Northwestern (Iowa) 36 ..... Ottawa (Kan.) 33
NW Oklahoma State 63 ..... Tabor (Kan.) 21
Dickinson State (N.D.) 12 ..... Lambuth (Tenn.) 6
Carroll (Mont.) 40 ..... McKendree (Ill.) 7

SECOND ROUND

St. Francis 41 ..... St. Ambrose 14
Carroll 49 ..... Mary 7
NW Oklahoma State 24 ..... Dickinson State 17
Sioux Falls 33 ..... Northwestern 7

SEMIFINALS

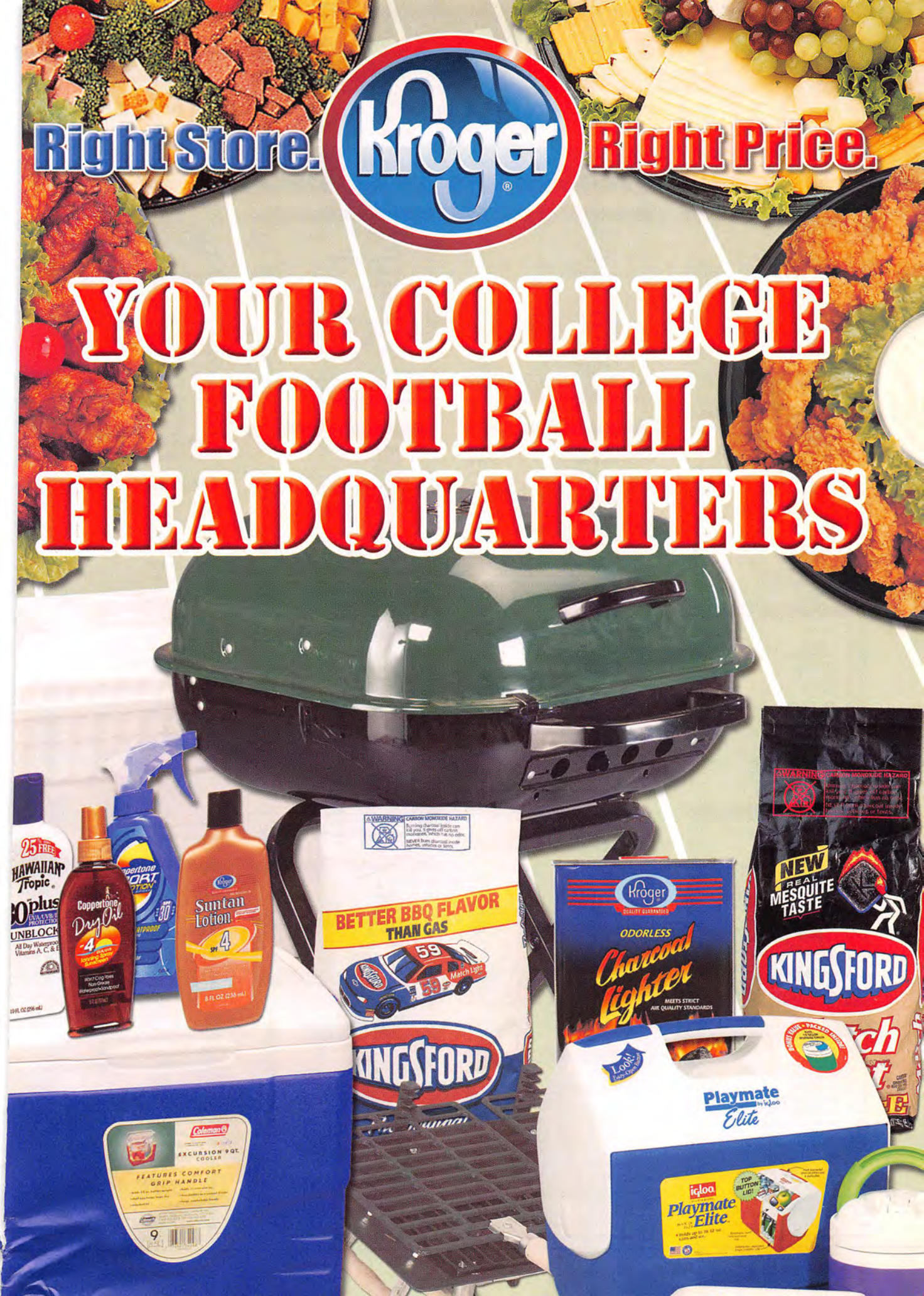
Carroll 38 ..... St. Francis 14
NW Oklahoma State 16 ..... Sioux Falls 13

CHAMPIONSHIP

Carroll 41 ..... NW Oklahoma State 28

I-A Coaching Changes for 2004

SCHOOL	FORMER COACH	NEW COACH
Akron	Lee Owens	J.D. Brookhart
Arizona	John Mackovic	Mike Stoops
Army	Todd Berry	Bobby Ross
Central Florida	Mike Kruczek	George O'Leary
Central Michigan	Mike DeBord	Brian Kelly
Cincinnati	Rick Minter	Mark Dantonio
Duke	Carl Franks	Ted Roof
Eastern Michigan	Jeff Woodruff	Jeff Genyk
Idaho	Tom Cable	Nick Holt
Mississippi State	Jackie Sherrill	Sylvester Croom
Nebraska	Frank Solich	Bill Callahan
Nevada	Dick Tormey	Chris Ault
UTEP	Gary Nord	Mike Price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2004 NCAA DIVISION I SCHEDULES

*Some I-AA schools had not completed their schedules at press time

Air Force Air Force Academy, CO

S. 4	California	
S. 11	Eastern Washington	
S. 18	@UNLV	24-7
S. 25	@UTAH	43-45 (OT)
O. 2	Navy	25-28
O. 9	New Mexico	12-24
O. 23	Brigham Young	24-10
O. 30	@WYOMING	35-29
N. 6	@ARMY	31-3
N. 13	San Diego State	3-24
N. 20	Colorado State	20-30

Coach: *Fisher DeBerry* **Colors:** *Silver & Blue*
Nickname: *Falcons* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Akron Akron, OH

S. 4	@PENN STATE	
S. 11	Middle Tennessee State	
S. 18	@VIRGINIA	
S. 23	@KENT STATE	38-41
O. 2	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O. 9	Buffalo	38-21
O. 16	@UCF	38-24
O. 23	Ball State	
N. 5	Marshall	24-42
N. 13	@OHIO	35-28
N. 20	Miami (OH)	20-45

Coach: *J.D. Brookhart* **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Zips* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL

S. 4	Utah State	
S. 11	Mississippi	28-43
S. 18	Western Carolina	
S. 25	@ARKANSAS	31-34 (OT)
O. 2	South Carolina	
O. 9	@KENTUCKY	27-17
O. 16	Southern Mississippi	17-3
O. 23	@TENNESSEE	43-51 (OT)
N. 6	Mississippi State	38-0
N. 13	@LSU	3-27
N. 20	Auburn	23-28

Coach: *Mike Shula* **Colors:** *Crimson & White*
Nickname: *Crimson Tide* **2003 Record:** *4-9*

Alabama A&M Normal, AL

S. 4	@TENNESSEE STATE	31-24
S. 11	Grambling State	14-45
S. 18	Mississippi Valley State	37-0
S. 25	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF@	50-0
O. 2	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	63-0
O. 9	Southern University	25-55
O. 16	@SAVANNAH STATE	41-0
O. 30	@ALABAMA STATE#	20-17
N. 6	@JACKSON STATE	49-14
N. 13	Alcorn State	15-20
N. 20	Prairie View A&M	50-10

@ At St. Louis, MO
# At Birmingham, AL

Coach: *Anthony Jones* **Colors:** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Alabama State Montgomery, AL

S. 4	Howard@	
S. 11	Texas Southern	38-26
S. 18	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	24-22
S. 25	@ALCORN STATE	49-28
O. 2	Southern University	9-20
O. 9	Jackson State#	27-20
O. 16	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	59-7
O. 30	Alabama A&M$	17-20
N. 6	@GRAMBLING STATE	34-37
N. 13	Mississippi Valley State	55-31
N. 25	Tuskegee	48-28

@ At Detroit, MI
# At Mobile, AL
$ At Birmingham, AL

Coach: *Charles Coe III* **Colors:** *Black & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Hornets* **2003 Record:** *8-5*

Albany Albany, NY

S. 2	@HOFSTRA	
S. 11	Fordham	
S. 18	@BROWN	3-21
S. 25	@SACRED HEART	42-7
O. 2	@LEHIGH	
O. 9	St. Francis (PA)	44-21
O. 16	Monmouth	7-10
O. 23	@STONY BROOK	40-7
O. 30	Wagner	28-7
N. 6	@ROBERT MORRIS	27-7
N. 13	Central Connecticut State	28-10

Coach: *Bob Ford* **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Great Danes* **2003 Record:** *7-4*

Alcorn State Alcorn State, MS

S. 4	@GRAMBLING STATE	28-40
S. 25	Alabama State	28-49
O. 9	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	66-0
O. 16	Texas Southern	20-23
O. 23	Southern University	36-34
O. 30	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	27-24
N. 6	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	23-7
N. 13	@ALABAMA A&M	20-15
N. 20	Jackson State	49-25
N. 27	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	37-10

Coach: *Dr. Johnny Thomas* **Colors:** *Alcorn Purple & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Braves* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Appalachian State Boone, NC

S. 4	@WYOMING	
S. 11	Eastern Kentucky	7-35
S. 18	Citadel	21-24
S. 25	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	
O. 2	Texas State	
O. 9	Furman	13-10
O. 16	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	28-21
O. 23	Wofford	14-24
O. 30	@CHATTANOOGA	47-7
N. 6	Elon	34-12
N. 13	@WESTERN CAROLINA	26-18

Coach: *Jerry Moore* **Colors:** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Mountaineers* **2003 Record:** *7-4*

Arizona Tucson, AZ

S. 4	Northern Arizona	
S. 11	Utah	
S. 18	Wisconsin	
S. 25	Washington State	7-30
O. 9	@UCLA	21-24
O. 16	@OREGON	10-48
O. 23	California	14-42
O. 30	Oregon State	23-52
N. 6	@WASHINGTON	27-22
N. 13	@USC	0-45
N. 26	Arizona State	7-28

Coach: *Mike Stoops* **Colors:** *Cardinal & Navy*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2003 Record:** *2-10*

Arizona State Tempe, AZ

S. 2	UTEP	
S. 11	@NORTHWESTERN	
S. 18	Iowa	2-21
S. 25	Oregon State	17-45
O. 2	@OREGON	59-14
O. 16	@USC	17-37
O. 23	UCLA	13-20
O. 30	@CALIFORNIA	23-51
N. 6	Stanford	27-38
N. 13	Washington State	19-34
N. 26	@ARIZONA	28-7

Coach: *Dirk Koetter* **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Sun Devils* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

Arkansas Fayetteville, AR

S. 4	New Mexico State	48-20
S. 11	Texas	38-28
S. 18	@LOUISIANA-MONROE@	
S. 25	Alabama	34-31 (OT)
O. 2	@FLORIDA	28-33
O. 16	@AUBURN	3-10
O. 23	Georgia	
N. 6	@SOUTH CAROLINA	28-6
N. 13	Mississippi	7-19
N. 20	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	52-6
N. 27	LSU@	24-55

@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: *Houston Nutt* **Colors:** *Cardinal & White*
Nickname: *Razorbacks* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Arkansas State State University, AR

S. 4	@MISSOURI	
S. 11	@LSU	
S. 18	Memphis	16-38
S. 25	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	44-41
O. 2	@MISSISSIPPI	0-55
O. 9	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	14-24
O. 16	Troy State	
O. 23	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
N. 6	@IDAHO	24-23
N. 11	Utah State	0-49
N. 20	North Texas	14-58

Coach: *Steve Roberts* **Colors:** *Scarlet & Black*
Nickname: *Indians* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

Arkansas-Pine Bluff Pine Bluff, AR

A. 28	Central Arkansas@	28-42
S. 4	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	27-7
S. 11	Bethune-Cookman	
S. 18	@ALABAMA STATE	22-24
S. 25	Alabama A&M#	0-50
O. 9	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	6-7
O. 16	@GRAMBLING STATE	16-41
O. 30	Jackson State	16-14
N. 6	Prairie View A&M$	43-7
N. 27	@ALCORN STATE	10-37

@ At Little Rock, AR
# At St. Louis, MO
$ At San Antonio, TX

Coach: *Mo Forte* **Colors:** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Lions* **2003 Record:** *4-7*

Army West Point, NY

S. 11	Louisville	10-34
S. 18	@HOUSTON	14-34
S. 25	@CONNECTICUT	21-48
O. 2	TCU	0-27
O. 9	Cincinnati	29-33
O. 16	@SOUTH FLORIDA	0-28
O. 30	@EAST CAROLINA	32-38
N. 6	Air Force	3-31
N. 13	@TULANE	33-50
N. 20	UAB	9-24
D. 4	@NAVY@	6-34

Coach: *Bobby Ross* **Colors:** *Black, Gold & Gray*
Nickname: *Black Knights* **2003 Record:** *0-13*

Auburn Auburn, AL

S. 4	Louisiana-Monroe	73-7
S. 11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	45-13
S. 18	LSU	7-31
S. 25	Citadel	
O. 2	@TENNESSEE	28-21
O. 9	Louisiana Tech	
O. 16	Arkansas	10-3
O. 23	Kentucky	
O. 30	@MISSISSIPPI	20-24
N. 13	Georgia	7-26
N. 20	@ALABAMA	28-23

Coach: *Tommy Tuberville* **Colors:** *Burnt Orange & Navy Blue*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Austin Peay State Clarksville, TN

S. 4	@CAMPBELLSVILLE	14-17
S. 11	@VALPARAISO	14-38
S. 18	Tennessee-Martin	20-21
S. 25	Dayton	13-35
O. 2	@BUTLER	28-7
O. 9	Morehead State	0-49
O. 16	@JACKSONVILLE	0-30
O. 23	@ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)	17-0
O. 30	Charleston Univ	
N. 6	Davidson	31-21
N. 13	@STILLMAN	

Coach: *Carroll McCray* **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Governors* **2003 Record:** *4-7*

Ball State Muncie, IN

S. 2	Boston College	29-53
S. 11	@PURDUE	
S. 18	@MISSOURI	7-35
S. 25	Western Michigan	20-28
O. 2	@TOLEDO	38-14
O. 9	Eastern Michigan	14-38
O. 16	@BOWLING GREEN	14-41
O. 23	@AKRON	
O. 30	Northern Illinois	23-48
N. 13	UCF	
N. 20	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	27-14

Coach: *Brady Hoke* **Colors:** *Cardinal & White*
Nickname: *Cardinals* **2003 Record:** *4-8*

Baylor Waco, TX

S. 4	@UAB	19-24
S. 11	Texas State	
S. 25	North Texas	14-52
O. 2	@TEXAS	0-56
O. 9	Missouri	
O. 16	@NEBRASKA	
O. 23	Iowa State	
O. 30	Texas A&M	10-73
N. 6	@TEXAS TECH	14-62
N. 13	@OKLAHOMA STATE	21-38
N. 20	Oklahoma	3-41

Coach: *Guy Morriss* **Colors:** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Bears* **2003 Record:** *3-9*

Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL

S. 11	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	
S. 25	Norfolk State	56-14
O. 2	@MORGAN STATE	24-31 (OT)
O. 9	Delaware State	27-13
O. 16	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	31-28
O. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7-13
N. 6	@HAMPTON	30-27
N. 13	Howard	21-7
N. 20	Florida A&M	39-35

Coach: *Alvin Wyatt* **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2003 Record:** *9-3*

Boise State Boise, ID

S. 4	Idaho	24-10
S. 11	Oregon State	24-26
S. 18	@UTEP	51-21
S. 25	Brigham Young	50-12
O. 2	Southern Methodist	45-3
O. 16	@TULSA	27-20
O. 23	Fresno State	31-17
O. 30	Hawaii	45-28
N. 13	@SAN JOSE STATE	77-14
N. 20	Louisiana Tech	43-37
N. 27	@NEVADA	56-3

Coach: *Dan Hawkins* **Colors:** *Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Broncos* **2003 Record:** *13-1*

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA

S. 2	@BALL STATE	53-29
S. 11	Penn State	27-14
S. 17	Connecticut	24-14
S. 25	@WAKE FOREST	28-32
O. 2	Massachusetts	
O. 16	@PITTSBURGH	13-24
O. 23	@NOTRE DAME	27-25
N. 6	Rutgers	35-25
N. 13	@WEST VIRGINIA	28-35
N. 20	@TEMPLE	38-13
N. 27	Syracuse	14-39

Coach: *Tom O'Brien* **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Eagles* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

*Score at right indicates 2003 result

Bowling Green Bowling Green, OH

S.	4	@OKLAHOMA	
S.	11	Southeast Missouri State	
S.	24	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	34-18
O.	2	@TEMPLE	
O.	9	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23-3
O.	16	Ball State	41-14
O.	23	@OHIO	
O.	30	Eastern Michigan	33-20
N.	6	Western Michigan	32-21
N.	13	Marshall	
N.	23	@TOLEDO	31-23

Coach: *Gregg Brandon* ***Colors:*** *Brown & Orange*
Nickname: *Falcons* ***2003 Record:*** *10-3*

Brigham Young Provo, UT

S.	4	USC	18-35
S.	18	@STANFORD	14-18
S.	25	@BOISE STATE	12-50
O.	2	@COLORADO STATE	13-58
O.	9	UNLV	27-20 (OT)
O.	16	Wyoming	10-13
O.	23	@AIR FORCE	10-24
O.	30	Notre Dame	14-33
N.	6	San Diego State	44-36
N.	13	New Mexico	10-7
N.	20	@UTAH	0-3

Coach: *Gary Crowton* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Cougars* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Brown Providence, RI

S.	18	Albany	21-3
S.	25	Harvard	14-52
O.	2	@RHODE ISLAND	9-27
O.	9	@FORDHAM	21-24
O.	16	@PRINCETON	14-34
O.	23	Cornell	21-7
O.	30	@PENNSYLVANIA	21-24
N.	6	Yale	55-44
N.	13	@DARTMOUTH	26-21
N.	20	Columbia	42-10

Coach: *Phil Estes* ***Colors:*** *Brown, Red & White*
Nickname: *Bears* ***2003 Record:*** *5-5*

Bucknell Lewisburg, PA

S.	2	@VILLANOVA	
S.	18	Cornell	19-21
S.	25	Columbia	16-19
O.	2	@GEORGETOWN	45-16
O.	9	Pennsylvania	13-14
O.	16	Lafayette	17-35
O.	23	@LEHIGH	9-45
O.	30	@HOLY CROSS	53-31
N.	6	Fordham	31-10
N.	13	Colgate	6-50
N.	20	@DUQUESNE	28-21

Coach: *Tim Landis* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Bison* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Buffalo Buffalo, NY

S.	2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	
S.	11	Syracuse	
S.	18	@NEVADA	
S.	25	@OHIO	26-17
O.	2	UCF	10-19
O.	9	@AKRON	21-38
O.	16	Miami (OH)	3-59
O.	23	@MARSHALL	16-26
N.	6	Kent State	24-34
N.	13	Central Michigan	
N.	20	@CONNECTICUT	7-38

Coach: *Jim Hofher* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bulls* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Butler Indianapolis, IN

S.	4	@ALBION	
S.	11	Tiffin	6-42
S.	18	@MOREHEAD STATE	
S.	25	@DAVIDSON	27-45
O.	2	Austin Peay	7-28
O.	9	@ST. FRANCIS (IN)	16-47
O.	16	Drake	7-24
O.	23	@DAYTON	0-40
O.	30	San Diego	7-53
N.	6	@VALPARAISO	25-21
N.	13	St. Joseph's (IN)	17-13

Coach: *Kit Cartwright* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *2-9*

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CA

S.	4	Humboldt State	56-21
S.	11	@IDAHO STATE	31-38
S.	18	@MONTANA STATE	24-21
O.	2	South Dakota State	
O.	9	@SOUTHERN UTAH	33-21
O.	16	Texas State	
O.	23	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	
O.	30	California-Davis	18-14
N.	6	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	
N.	13	Northern Colorado	
N.	20	@SACRAMENTO STATE	31-17

Coach: *Rich Ellerson* ***Colors:*** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Mustangs* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

California Berkeley, CA

S.	4	@AIR FORCE	
S.	11	New Mexico State	
S.	18	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	34-2
O.	2	@OREGON STATE	21-35
O.	9	@USC	34-31 (OT)
O.	16	UCLA	20-23 (OT)
O.	23	@ARIZONA	42-14
O.	30	Arizona State	51-23
N.	6	Oregon	17-21
N.	13	@WASHINGTON	54-7
N.	20	Stanford	28-16

Coach: *Jeff Tedford* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Bears* ***2003 Record:*** *7-6*

California-Davis Davis, CA

S.	4	South Dakota State	
S.	18	@WEBER STATE	
S.	25	Sacramento State	31-27
O.	2	@NORTHERN COLORADO	28-35
O.	9	@WESTERN OREGON	
O.	16	Stephen F. Austin	
O.	23	@SOUTHERN UTAH	
O.	30	@CAL POLY	14-18
N.	6	North Dakota State	
N.	20	@PORTLAND STATE	

Coach: *Bob Biggs* ***Colors:*** *Yale Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Aggies* ***2003 Record:*** *2-3*

Central Connecticut State New Britain, CT

S.	4	@SACRED HEART	24-27
S.	11	@RHODE ISLAND	
S.	16	@ST. PETER'S	
S.	25	Wagner	16-39
O.	2	Marist	29-33
O.	9	@ROBERT MORRIS	17-27
O.	23	St. Francis (PA)	35-28
O.	30	@MONMOUTH	14-10
N.	6	Stony Brook	31-36
N.	13	@ALBANY	10-28

Coach: *Tom Masella* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Blue Devils* ***2003 Record:*** *3-8*

Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, MI

S.	4	@INDIANA	
S.	11	@MICHIGAN STATE	
S.	18	Southeast Missouri State	
O.	2	Kent State	
O.	9	Bowling Green	3-23
O.	16	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	24-40
O.	23	@TOLEDO	13-31
O.	30	Western Michigan	21-44
N.	6	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	38-10
N.	13	@BUFFALO	
N.	20	Ball State	14-27

Coach: *Brian Kelly* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Chippewas* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Charleston Southern Charleston, SC

S.	4	@CITADEL	10-64
S.	11	@PRESBYTERIAN	14-17
S.	18	@JACKSONVILLE	
S.	25	Charleston Univ	
O.	2	Virginia Military	7-50
O.	9	@HOWARD	
O.	23	North Greenville	21-49
O.	30	@LIBERTY	6-17
N.	6	Allen	
N.	13	Gardner-Webb	0-46
N.	20	@COASTAL CAROLINA	14-48

Coach: *Jay Mills* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Buccaneers* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN

S.	11	@MEMPHIS	
S.	18	Jacksonville State	
S.	25	Georgia Southern	3-34
O.	2	@WOFFORD	14-42
O.	9	@TENNESSEE TECH	10-35
O.	16	Elon	24-7
O.	23	@WESTERN CAROLINA	38-0
O.	30	Appalachian State	7-47
N.	6	@CITADEL	29-20
N.	13	Liberty	
N.	20	@FURMAN	21-63

Coach: *Rodney Allison* ***Colors:*** *Navy Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Mocs* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH

S.	4	@OHIO STATE	
S.	11	Miami (OH)	37-42
S.	18	@SYRACUSE	
S.	25	@EAST CAROLINA	40-3
O.	2	UAB	14-31
O.	9	@ARMY	33-29
O.	23	Memphis	16-21
O.	30	TCU	10-43
N.	6	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	20-22
N.	20	South Florida	17-24 (OT)
N.	27	@LOUISVILLE	40-43

Coach: *Mark Dantonio* ***Colors:*** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Bearcats* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

The Citadel Charleston, SC

S.	4	Charleston Southern	64-10
S.	18	@APPALACHIAN STATE	24-21
S.	25	@AUBURN	
O.	2	@DUKE	
O.	16	@FURMAN	10-9
O.	23	Georgia Southern	28-24
O.	30	@WOFFORD	16-42
N.	6	Chattanooga	20-29
N.	13	@ELON	31-7
N.	20	Western Carolina	21-28

Coach: *John Zernhelt* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Clemson Clemson, SC

S.	4	Wake Forest	17-45
S.	11	Georgia Tech	39-3
S.	18	@TEXAS A&M	
S.	25	@FLORIDA STATE	26-10
O.	7	@VIRGINIA	30-27 (OT)
O.	16	Utah State	
O.	23	Maryland	7-21
O.	30	North Carolina State	15-17
N.	6	@MIAMI (FL)	
N.	13	@DUKE	40-7
N.	20	South Carolina	63-17

Coach: *Tommy Bowden* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Orange*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Coastal Carolina Conway, SC

S.	4	@MOREHEAD STATE	6-31
S.	11	Davidson	52-27
S.	18	@NEWBERRY	21-14
S.	25	North Greenville	49-39
O.	9	Charleston Univ	47-0
O.	16	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	10-19
O.	23	Liberty	21-38
O.	30	@GARDNER-WEBB	17-38
N.	6	Savannah State	29-19
N.	13	Jacksonville	9-14
N.	20	Charleston Southern	48-14

Coach: *David Bennett* ***Colors:*** *Coastal teal, bronze*
Nickname: *Chanticleers* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Colgate Hamilton, NY

S.	11	@MASSACHUSETTS	19-7
S.	18	Dartmouth	31-9
S.	25	Georgetown	20-19
O.	2	@YALE	52-40
O.	9	Princeton	30-3
O.	16	@CORNELL	27-24
O.	23	Holy Cross	45-38
O.	30	@LEHIGH	17-10
N.	6	Lafayette	47-31
N.	13	@BUCKNELL	50-6
N.	20	@FORDHAM	14-3

Coach: *Dick Biddle* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Raiders* ***2003 Record:*** *15-1*

Colorado Boulder, CO

S.	4	Colorado State	42-35
S.	11	@WASHINGTON STATE@	26-47
S.	18	North Texas	
O.	2	@MISSOURI	21-16
O.	9	Oklahoma State	
O.	16	Iowa State	44-10
O.	23	@TEXAS A&M	
O.	30	Texas	
N.	6	@KANSAS	50-47 (OT)
N.	13	Kansas State	20-49
N.	26	@NEBRASKA	22-31
@ At Seattle, WA			

Coach: *Brian Cabral* ***Colors:*** *Silver, Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Buffaloes* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Colorado State Fort Collins, CO

S.	4	@COLORADO	35-42
S.	11	@USC	
S.	18	Minnesota	
S.	25	Montana State	
O.	2	Brigham Young	58-13
O.	16	@SAN DIEGO STATE	21-6
O.	22	Wyoming	28-35
O.	30	New Mexico	34-37
N.	6	@UTAH	21-28
N.	13	UNLV	24-23
N.	20	@AIR FORCE	30-20

Coach: *Sonny Lubick* ***Colors:*** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Rams* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

Columbia New York, NY

S.	18	Fordham	30-37
S.	25	@BUCKNELL	19-16
O.	2	Princeton	33-27
O.	9	Lafayette	27-41
O.	16	@PENNSYLVANIA	7-31
O.	23	Dartmouth	21-26
O.	30	@YALE	14-29
N.	6	@HARVARD	16-13
N.	13	Cornell	34-21
N.	20	@BROWN	10-42

Coach: *Bob Shoop* ***Colors:*** *Columbia Blue & White*
Nickname: *Lions* ***2003 Record:*** *4-6*

Connecticut Storrs, CT

S.	4	Murray State	
S.	11	Duke	
S.	17	@BOSTON COLLEGE	14-24
S.	25	Army	48-21
S.	30	Pittsburgh	
O.	13	West Virginia	
O.	23	Temple	
O.	30	@SYRACUSE	
N.	13	@GEORGIA TECH	
N.	20	Buffalo	38-7
N.	25	@RUTGERS	38-31

Coach: *Randy Edsall* ***Colors:*** *National Flag Blue & White*
Nickname: *Huskies* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Cornell Ithaca, NY

S.	18	@BUCKNELL	21-19
S.	25	Yale	7-21
O.	2	@TOWSON	
O.	9	@HARVARD	0-27
O.	16	Colgate	24-27
O.	23	@BROWN	7-21
O.	30	Princeton	6-28
N.	6	Dartmouth	17-26
N.	13	@COLUMBIA	21-34
N.	20	Pennsylvania	7-59

Coach: *Jim Knowles* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Big Red* ***2003 Record:*** *1-9*

Dartmouth Hanover, NH

S.	18	@COLGATE	9-31
S.	25	New Hampshire	17-42
O.	2	@PENNSYLVANIA	20-33
O.	9	Yale	17-40
O.	16	Holy Cross	24-20
O.	23	@COLUMBIA	26-21
O.	30	Harvard	30-16
N.	6	@CORNELL	26-17
N.	13	Brown	21-26
N.	20	@PRINCETON	21-15

Coach: *John Lyons* ***Colors:*** *Dartmouth Green & White*
Nickname: *Big Green* ***2003 Record:*** *5-5*

Davidson Davidson, NC

S.	11	@COASTAL CAROLINA	27-52
S.	18	@LENOIR-RHYNE	
S.	25	Butler	45-27
O.	2	@DAYTON	25-32
O.	9	Jacksonville	37-29
O.	16	Morehead State	10-35
O.	23	@SAN DIEGO	7-54
N.	6	@AUSTIN PEAY	21-31
N.	13	Georgetown	10-30

Coach: *Michael Toop* ***Colors:*** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *3-8*

Dayton Dayton, OH

S.	2	Tiffin	27-23
S.	11	Morehead State	12-0
S.	18	Yale	
S.	25	@AUSTIN PEAY	35-13
O.	2	Davidson	32-25
O.	9	@VALPARAISO	28-33
O.	16	@ROBERT MORRIS	
O.	23	Butler	40-0
O.	30	Drake	31-15
N.	6	@SAN DIEGO	30-41

Coach: *Mike Kelly* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Flyers* ***2003 Record:*** *9-2*

Delaware Newark, DE

S.	2	New Hampshire	22-21
S.	11	Towson	
S.	18	West Chester	49-7
S.	25	@MASSACHUSETTS	51-45 (OT)
O.	2	Maine	24-21 (OT)
O.	16	@HOFSTRA	24-14
O.	23	William & Mary	41-27
O.	30	@NAVY	21-17
N.	6	@JAMES MADISON	
N.	13	@RICHMOND	44-14
N.	20	Villanova	20-17

Coach: *K.C. Keeler* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Blue Hens* ***2003 Record:*** *14-1*

Delaware State Dover, DE

S.	4	Massachusetts	
S.	11	North Carolina Central	14-21
S.	18	@ELON	
S.	25	Southern Illinois	
O.	2	Hampton	9-41
O.	9	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	13-27
O.	16	North Carolina A&T	7-33
O.	23	@MORGAN STATE	36-53
O.	30	South Carolina State	13-36
N.	13	@NORFOLK STATE	36-25
N.	20	@HOWARD	6-21

Coach: *Al Lavan* ***Colors:*** *Columbia Blue & Red*
Nickname: *Hornets* ***2003 Record:*** *1-10*

Drake Des Moines, IA

S.	2	@SMS	
S.	11	William Penn	38-24
S.	18	Wisconsin-Platteville	20-21
S.	25	Morehead State	17-34
O.	2	@JACKSONVILLE	40-34
O.	9	San Diego	35-41
O.	16	@BUTLER	24-7
O.	23	Valparaiso	45-51 (OT)
O.	30	@DAYTON	15-31
N.	6	Upper Iowa	
N.	13	Waldorf	47-17

Coach: *Rob Ash* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Duke Durham, NC

S.	4	@NAVY	
S.	11	@CONNECTICUT	
S.	18	@VIRGINIA TECH	
S.	25	Maryland	20-33
O.	2	Citadel	
O.	16	@GEORGIA TECH	41-17
O.	23	Virginia	0-27
O.	30	@WAKE FOREST	13-42
N.	6	@FLORIDA STATE	7-56
N.	13	Clemson	7-40
N.	20	North Carolina	30-22

Coach: *Ted Roof* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Blue Devils* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Duquesne Pittsburgh, PA

S.	4	@HOLY CROSS	
S.	11	@ROBERT MORRIS	33-28
S.	18	Georgetown	
S.	25	@FORDHAM	
O.	9	Iona	42-29
O.	16	@ST. PETER'S	39-7
O.	30	Marist	31-6
N.	6	@LA SALLE	62-14
N.	13	Morehead State	10-15
N.	20	Bucknell	21-28

Coach: *Greg Gattuso* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Dukes* ***2003 Record:*** *8-3*

East Carolina Greenville, NC

S.	4	@WEST VIRGINIA	7-48
S.	11	Wake Forest	16-34
S.	25	Cincinnati	3-40
O.	2	@LOUISVILLE	20-36
O.	9	Tulane	18-28
O.	23	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21-38
O.	30	Army	38-32
N.	6	@HOUSTON	13-27
N.	13	@SOUTH FLORIDA	37-38 (OT)
N.	20	Memphis	24-41
N.	27	North Carolina State	

Coach: *John Thompson* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Pirates* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Eastern Illinois Charleston, IL

S.	11	Indiana State	7-23
S.	18	@ILLINOIS STATE	14-21
S.	25	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	
O.	2	Southeast Missouri State	17-30
O.	9	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	0-41
O.	16	Murray State	27-17
O.	23	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	29-12
O.	30	Tennessee State	14-24
N.	6	@TENNESSEE TECH	37-10
N.	13	Jacksonville State	24-36
N.	20	@SAMFORD	14-17

Coach: *Bob Spoo* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gray*
Nickname: *Panthers* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Eastern Kentucky Richmond, KY

S.	11	@APPALACHIAN STATE	35-7
S.	18	Western Kentucky	3-36
S.	25	Jacksonville State	14-49
O.	2	@SAMFORD	13-10
O.	9	Eastern Illinois	41-0
O.	16	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	38-41
O.	23	@VANDERBILT	
O.	30	Murray State	38-20
N.	6	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	41-32
N.	13	Tennessee State	43-38
N.	20	@TENNESSEE TECH	27-14

Coach: *Danny Hope* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Colonels* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

Eastern Michigan Ypsilanti, MI

S.	2	Buffalo	
S.	11	@FLORIDA	
S.	18	Toledo	14-49
S.	25	Eastern Illinois	
O.	2	Idaho	
O.	9	@BALL STATE	38-14
O.	16	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	3-31
O.	30	@BOWLING GREEN	20-33
N.	6	Central Michigan	10-38
N.	13	@KENT STATE	
N.	20	Northern Illinois	24-38

Coach: *Jeff Genyk* ***Colors:*** *Dark Green & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Eastern Washington Cheney, WA

S.	4	@NICHOLLS STATE	
S.	11	@AIR FORCE	
S.	18	Central Washington	48-29
S.	25	Idaho State	52-55 (OT)
O.	2	@PORTLAND STATE	42-16
O.	9	Northern Arizona	31-54
O.	16	Montana	10-41
O.	23	@WEBER STATE	23-35
O.	30	Sacramento State	38-21
N.	6	Cal Poly	
N.	13	@MONTANA STATE	34-25

Coach: *Paul Wulff* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Elon Elon College, NC

S.	4	Towson	7-24
S.	18	Delaware State	
S.	25	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	14-29
O.	2	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	13-37
O.	9	Wofford	7-45
O.	16	@CHATTANOOGA	7-24
O.	23	Furman	7-24
O.	30	Western Carolina	3-26
N.	6	@APPALACHIAN STATE	12-34
N.	13	Citadel	7-31
N.	20	@LIBERTY	

Coach: *Paul Hamilton* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Phoenix* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Florida Gainesville, FL

S.	4	Middle Tennessee State	
S.	11	Eastern Michigan	
S.	18	@TENNESSEE	10-24
S.	25	Kentucky	24-21
O.	2	Arkansas	33-28
O.	9	LSU	19-7
O.	23	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O.	30	@GEORGIA@	16-13
N.	6	@VANDERBILT	35-17
N.	13	South Carolina	24-22
N.	20	@FLORIDA STATE	34-38
@ At Jacksonville, FL			

Coach: *Ron Zook* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Blue*
Nickname: *Gators* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Florida A&M Tallahassee, FL

S.	4	@ILLINOIS	
S.	11	@TULANE	
S.	18	@TEMPLE	
S.	25	Tennessee State@	10-7
O.	2	Virginia Union	
O.	9	Nicholls State	
O.	16	@VIRGINIA TECH	
O.	23	Savannah State	
O.	30	Florida Atlantic	
N.	20	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	35-39
N.	27	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
@ At Atlanta, GA			

Coach: *Billy Joe* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Green*
Nickname: *Rattlers* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Florida Atlantic Boca Raton, FL

S.	4	@HAWAII	
S.	11	@NORTH TEXAS	
S.	18	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	20-19
S.	25	Illinois State	28-10
O.	9	@TEXAS STATE	27-14
O.	16	@NORTHERN COLORADO	21-19
O.	23	Louisiana-Monroe	
O.	30	@FLORIDA A&M	
N.	6	@TROY STATE	
N.	13	New Mexico State	
N.	20	Florida International@	32-23
N.	27	Edward Waters	
@ At Miami, FL			

Coach: *Howard Schnellenberger* ***Colors:*** *Atlantic Blue and Gray*
Nickname: *Owls* ***2003 Record:*** *11-3*

Florida International Miami, FL

S.	2	Jacksonville	55-12
S.	11	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	
S.	25	Western Kentucky	
O.	2	Louisiana-Lafayette	10-43
O.	9	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	13-35
O.	16	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	
O.	23	McNeese State	
O.	30	@NEW MEXICO STATE	
N.	13	Georgia Southern	35-37
N.	20	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC@	23-32
N.	27	Florida A&M	
@ At Miami, FL			

Coach: *Don Strock* ***Colors:*** *Blue and Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Panthers* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Florida State Tallahassee, FL

S.	6	@MIAMI (FL)	14-22
S.	18	UAB	
S.	25	Clemson	10-26
O.	2	North Carolina	37-0
O.	9	@SYRACUSE	
O.	16	Virginia	19-14
O.	23	@WAKE FOREST	48-24
O.	30	@MARYLAND	35-10
N.	6	Duke	56-7
N.	11	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	50-44 (OT)
N.	20	Florida	38-34

Coach: *Bobby Bowden* ***Colors:*** *Garnet & Gold*
Nickname: *Seminoles* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Fordham Bronx, NY

S.	4	Rhode Island	63-28
S.	11	@ALBANY	
S.	18	@COLUMBIA	37-30
S.	25	Duquesne	
O.	2	@HOLY CROSS	49-28
O.	9	Brown	24-21
O.	23	Lafayette	32-30
O.	30	Georgetown	34-10
N.	6	@BUCKNELL	10-31
N.	13	@LEHIGH	16-23
N.	20	Colgate	3-14

Coach: *Ed Foley* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Rams* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Fresno State Fresno, CA

S.	5	@WASHINGTON	
S.	11	@KANSAS STATE	
S.	18	Portland State	42-16
O.	2	@LOUISIANA TECH	16-6
O.	9	UTEP	23-20
O.	23	@BOISE STATE	17-31
O.	30	Southern Methodist	20-11
N.	6	@RICE	31-28
N.	13	Hawaii	28-55
N.	20	Nevada	27-10
N.	27	@SAN JOSE STATE	41-7

Coach: *Pat Hill* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *8-5*

Furman Greenville, SC

S.	4	Presbyterian	
S.	11	@SAMFORD	
S.	18	@GARDNER-WEBB	45-0
S.	25	@PITTSBURGH	
O.	2	Western Carolina	19-13
O.	9	@APPALACHIAN STATE	10-13
O.	16	Citadel	9-10
O.	23	@ELON	24-7
N.	6	Georgia Southern	24-29
N.	13	@WOFFORD	6-7
N.	20	Chattanooga	63-21

Coach: *Bobby Lamb* ***Colors:*** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Paladins* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Gardner-Webb Boiling Springs, NC

S.	11	@MORGAN STATE	
S.	18	Furman	0-45
S.	25	Western Carolina	16-39
O.	2	@ Liberty	
O.	9	@HAMPTON	
O.	23	Virginia Military	37-25
O.	30	Coastal Carolina	38-17
N.	6	@WOFFORD	
N.	13	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	46-0
N.	20	Southeastern Louisiana	

Coach: *Steve Patton* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet, White & Black*
Nickname: *Runnin' Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Georgetown Washington, DC

S.	4	St. Francis (PA)	
S.	11	Lafayette	17-10
S.	18	@DUQUESNE	
S.	25	@COLGATE	19-20
O.	2	Bucknell	16-45
O.	9	Virginia Military	14-42
O.	23	@MONMOUTH	10-12
O.	30	@FORDHAM	10-34
N.	6	Lehigh	24-45
N.	13	@DAVIDSON	30-10
N.	20	Holy Cross	34-42

Coach: *Bob Benson* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gray*
Nickname: *Hoyas* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Georgia Athens, GA

S.	4	Georgia Southern	
S.	11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	31-7
S.	18	Marshall	
O.	2	LSU	13-34
O.	9	Tennessee	41-14
O.	16	Vanderbilt	27-8
O.	23	@ARKANSAS	
O.	30	Florida@	13-16
N.	6	@KENTUCKY	30-10
N.	13	@AUBURN	26-7
N.	27	Georgia Tech	34-17
@ At Jacksonville, FL			

Coach: *Mark Richt* ***Colors:*** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *10-3*

Georgia Southern Statesboro, GA

S. 4	@GEORGIA	
S. 11	Johnson Smith	
S. 18	Wofford	14-20
S. 25	@CHATTANOOGA	34-3
O. 2	Elon	37-13
O. 9	@WESTERN CAROLINA	31-25
O. 16	Appalachian State	21-28
O. 23	@CITADEL	24-28
O. 30	South Dakota State	
N. 6	@FURMAN	29-24
N. 13	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	37-35

Coach: *Mike Sewak* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA

S. 4	Samford	
S. 11	@CLEMSON	3-39
S. 18	@NORTH CAROLINA	41-24
O. 2	Miami (FL)	
O. 9	@MARYLAND	7-3
O. 16	Duke	17-41
O. 28	Virginia Tech	
N. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	29-21
N. 13	Connecticut	
N. 20	Virginia	17-29
N. 27	@GEORGIA	17-34

Coach: *Chan Gailey* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & White*
Nickname: *Yellow Jackets* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Grambling State Grambling, LA

S. 4	Alcorn State	40-28
S. 11	@ALABAMA A&M	45-14
S. 18	@HOWARD@	
O. 2	Prairie View A&M#	65-7
O. 9	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	45-6
O. 16	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	41-16
O. 23	Jackson State	24-17
O. 30	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	48-15
N. 6	Alabama State	37-34
N. 13	@SAVANNAH STATE	33-17
N. 27	Southern University	41-44

@ At Raljon, MD
# At Dallas, TX

Coach: *Melvin Spears* ***Colors:*** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Hampton Hampton, VA

S. 4	Jackson State@	
S. 11	Howard	17-14
S. 18	Western Illinois	
S. 25	@MORGAN STATE#	24-21 (OT)
O. 2	@DELAWARE STATE	41-9
O. 9	Gardner-Webb	
O. 16	Norfolk State	52-0
O. 23	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	32-12
N. 6	Bethune-Cookman	27-30
N. 13	North Carolina A&T	28-38
N. 20	@SAVANNAH STATE	48-13

@ At Orlando, FL
# At East Rutherford, NY

Coach: *Joe Taylor* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Pirates* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

Harvard Boston, MA

S. 18	Holy Cross	43-23
S. 25	@BROWN	52-14
O. 2	@LAFAYETTE	34-27
O. 9	Cornell	27-0
O. 16	Northeastern	28-20
O. 23	@PRINCETON	43-40 (OT)
O. 30	@DARTMOUTH	16-30
N. 6	Columbia	13-16
N. 13	@PENNSYLVANIA	24-32
N. 20	Yale	37-19

Coach: *Tim Murphy* ***Colors:*** *Crimson, Black & White*
Nickname: *Crimson* ***2003 Record:*** *7-3*

Hawaii Honolulu, HI

S. 4	Florida Atlantic	
S. 18	@RICE	41-21
O. 2	Tulsa	16-27
O. 9	Nevada	14-24
O. 16	@UTEP	31-15
O. 23	San Jose State	13-10
O. 30	@BOISE STATE	28-45
N. 6	Louisiana Tech	44-41
N. 13	@FRESNO STATE	55-28
N. 20	Idaho	
N. 27	Northwestern	
D. 4	Michigan State	

Coach: *June Jones* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Warriors* ***2003 Record:*** *8-5*

Hofstra Hempstead, NY

S. 2	Albany	
S. 11	@MONTANA	
S. 25	Rhode Island	0-24
O. 2	@JAMES MADISON	20-23
O. 9	@STONY BROOK	
O. 16	Delaware	14-24
O. 23	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	17-38
O. 30	Richmond	
N. 6	@MAINE	21-44
N. 13	Northeastern	24-14
N. 20	@MASSACHUSETTS	22-27

Coach: *Joe Gardi* ***Colors:*** *Blue, White, & Gold*
Nickname: *Pride* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Holy Cross Worcester, MA

S. 4	Duquesne	
S. 11	San Diego	45-46 (OT)
S. 18	@HARVARD	23-43
O. 2	Fordham	28-49
O. 9	Lehigh	20-38
O. 16	@DARTMOUTH	20-24
O. 23	@COLGATE	38-45
O. 30	Bucknell	31-53
N. 6	Marist	
N. 13	@LAFAYETTE	13-41
N. 20	@GEORGETOWN	42-34

Coach: *Tom Gilmore* ***Colors:*** *Royal Purple & White*
Nickname: *Crusaders* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Houston Houston, TX

S. 4	@RICE	48-14
S. 11	@OKLAHOMA	
S. 18	Army	34-14
S. 23	Miami (FL)	
O. 2	@MEMPHIS	14-45
O. 7	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	10-31
O. 23	@TCU	55-62
O. 30	Tulane	45-42
N. 6	East Carolina	27-13
N. 13	@UAB	56-28
N. 20	Louisville	45-66

Coach: *Art Briles* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Cougars* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

Howard Washington, DC

S. 4	@ALABAMA STATE@	
S. 11	@HAMPTON	14-17
S. 18	Grambling State#	
S. 25	Savannah State	48-3
O. 9	Charleston Southern	
O. 16	Morgan State	12-33
O. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7-27
O. 30	Norfolk State	42-28
N. 6	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	14-24
N. 13	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	7-21
N. 20	Delaware State	21-6

@ At Detroit, MI
# At Raljon, MD

Coach: *Rayford T. Petty* ***Colors:*** *Navy Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bison* ***2003 Record:*** *4-7*

Idaho Moscow, ID

S. 4	@BOISE STATE	10-24
S. 11	@UTAH STATE	20-13
S. 18	Washington State	0-25
S. 25	@OREGON	
O. 2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	
O. 9	Louisiana-Monroe	58-20
O. 16	Louisiana-Lafayette	20-31
O. 23	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	21-28 (OT)
O. 30	@TROY STATE	
N. 6	Arkansas State	23-24
N. 13	@NORTH TEXAS	14-24
N. 20	@HAWAII	

Coach: *Nick Holt* ***Colors:*** *Silver & Gold*
Nickname: *Vandals* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Idaho State Pocatello, ID

S. 4	Carroll (MT)	
S. 11	Cal Poly	38-31
S. 18	@NORTHERN COLORADO	42-33
S. 25	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	55-52 (OT)
O. 2	Montana State	23-17
O. 9	@MONTANA	43-40 (OT)
O. 23	Sacramento State	21-47
O. 30	Weber State	21-38
N. 6	@PORTLAND STATE	30-20
N. 13	Northern Arizona	31-46
N. 20	@SOUTHERN UTAH	36-17

Coach: *Larry Lewis* ***Colors:*** *Black & Orange*
Nickname: *Bengals* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Illinois Champaign, IL

S. 4	Florida A&M	
S. 11	UCLA	3-6
S. 18	Western Michigan	
S. 25	Purdue	10-43
O. 2	@WISCONSIN	20-38
O. 9	@MICHIGAN STATE	14-49
O. 16	Michigan	14-56
O. 23	@MINNESOTA	10-36
O. 30	Iowa	10-41
N. 6	Indiana	14-17
N. 20	@NORTHWESTERN	20-37

Coach: *Ron Turner* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Blue*
Nickname: *Fighting Illini* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Illinois State Normal, IL

S. 2	St. Xavier (IL)	
S. 11	@MINNESOTA	
S. 18	Eastern Illinois	21-14
S. 25	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	10-28
O. 2	@INDIANA STATE	38-3
O. 9	SMS	48-43
O. 16	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	20-24
O. 23	Youngstown State	35-25
O. 30	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	24-27
N. 6	Southern Illinois	17-45
N. 13	@NORTHERN IOWA	7-16

Coach: *Denver Johnson* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Redbirds* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Indiana Bloomington, IN

S. 4	Central Michigan	
S. 11	@OREGON	
S. 18	@KENTUCKY	17-34
S. 25	Michigan State	3-31
O. 2	Michigan	17-31
O. 9	@NORTHWESTERN	31-37 (OT)
O. 23	@OHIO STATE	6-35
O. 30	Minnesota	7-55
N. 6	@ILLINOIS	17-14
N. 13	Penn State	7-52
N. 20	@PURDUE	16-24

Coach: *Gerry DiNardo* ***Colors:*** *Cream & Crimson*
Nickname: *Hoosiers* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Indiana State Terre Haute, IN

A. 28	@MIAMI (OH)	
S. 11	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	23-7
S. 25	Murray State	17-10
O. 2	Illinois State	3-38
O. 9	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	28-34
O. 16	SMS	10-45
O. 23	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	14-59
O. 30	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	24-30 (OT)
N. 6	Northern Iowa	14-22
N. 13	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	14-37

Coach: *Tim McGuire* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Sycamores* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Iona New Rochelle, NY

S. 4	Montclair State	21-23
S. 18	@SACRED HEART	38-31 (OT)
S. 25	@MARIST	38-21
O. 2	Monmouth	7-30
O. 9	@DUQUESNE	29-42
O. 16	@WAGNER	17-34
O. 23	@ASSUMPTION	
O. 30	La Salle	26-20
N. 6	St. Peter's	23-7
N. 13	@STONY BROOK	20-31

Coach: *Fred Mariani* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Gaels* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Iowa Iowa City, IA

S. 4	Kent State	
S. 11	Iowa State	40-21
S. 18	@ARIZONA STATE	21-2
S. 25	@MICHIGAN	30-27
O. 2	Michigan State	10-20
O. 16	Ohio State	10-19
O. 23	@PENN STATE	26-14
O. 30	@ILLINOIS	41-10
N. 6	Purdue	14-27
N. 13	@MINNESOTA	40-22
N. 20	Wisconsin	27-21

Coach: *Kirk Ferentz* ***Colors:*** *Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Hawkeyes* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Iowa State Ames, IA

S. 4	Northern Iowa	17-10
S. 11	@IOWA	21-40
S. 18	Northern Illinois	16-24
O. 2	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
O. 9	Texas A&M	
O. 16	@COLORADO	10-44
O. 23	@BAYLOR	
O. 30	Kansas	7-36
N. 6	Nebraska	0-28
N. 20	@KANSAS STATE	0-45
N. 27	Missouri	7-45

Coach: *Dan McCarney* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal & Gold*
Nickname: *Cyclones* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Jackson State Jackson, MS

S. 4	@HAMPTON@	
S. 11	Northwestern State	7-23
S. 18	@TENNESSEE STATE	14-44
S. 25	Mississippi Valley State	21-17
O. 9	@ALABAMA STATE#	20-27
O. 16	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	20-30
O. 23	@GRAMBLING STATE	17-24
O. 30	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	14-16
N. 6	Alabama A&M	14-49
N. 13	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	
N. 20	@ALCORN STATE	25-49

@ At Orlando, FL
# At Mobile, AL

Coach: *James Bell* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Jacksonville Jacksonville, FL

S. 2	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	12-55
S. 11	@WINGATE	42-38
S. 18	Charleston Southern	
S. 25	@VALPARAISO	34-27
O. 2	Drake	34-40
O. 9	@DAVIDSON	29-37
O. 16	Austin Peay	30-0
O. 23	@MOREHEAD STATE	16-20
O. 30	Webber International	34-14
N. 6	Southeastern Louisiana	23-43
N. 13	@COASTAL CAROLINA	14-9

Coach: *Steve Gilbert* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Dolphins* ***2003 Record:*** *5-6*

Jacksonville State Jacksonville, AL

S. 4	Emporia State	
S. 18	@CHATTANOOGA	
S. 25	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	49-14
O. 2	Murray State	17-23 (OT)
O. 9	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	34-24
O. 16	Tennessee State	34-7
O. 23	@TENNESSEE TECH	37-20
N. 6	Samford	49-32
N. 13	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	36-24
N. 20	Southeast Missouri State	22-17

Coach: *Jack Crowe* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Gamecocks* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

James Madison Harrisonburg, VA

S. 4	Lock Haven	
S. 18	@VILLANOVA	14-38
S. 25	@WEST VIRGINIA	
O. 2	Hofstra	23-20
O. 9	Massachusetts	26-31
O. 16	@MAINE	13-20
O. 23	@RICHMOND	34-14
O. 30	Virginia Military	
N. 6	Delaware	
N. 13	William & Mary	24-17
N. 20	@TOWSON	

Coach: *Mickey Matthews* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Dukes* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Kansas Lawrence, KS

S. 4	Tulsa	
S. 11	Toledo	
S. 18	@NORTHWESTERN	20-28
S. 25	Texas Tech	
O. 2	@NEBRASKA	3-24
O. 9	Kansas State	6-42
O. 23	@OKLAHOMA	
O. 30	@IOWA STATE	36-7
N. 6	Colorado	47-50 (OT)
N. 13	Texas	
N. 20	@MISSOURI	35-14

Coach: *Mark Mangino* ***Colors:*** *Crimson & Blue*
Nickname: *Jayhawks* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Kansas State Manhattan, KS

S. 4	Western Kentucky	
S. 11	Fresno State	
S. 18	Louisiana-Lafayette	
O. 2	@TEXAS A&M	
O. 9	@KANSAS	42-6
O. 16	Oklahoma	35-7
O. 23	Nebraska	38-9
O. 30	Texas Tech	
N. 6	@MISSOURI	24-14
N. 13	@COLORADO	49-20
N. 20	Iowa State	45-0

Coach: *Bill Snyder* ***Colors:*** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *11-3*

Kent State Kent, OH

S. 4	@IOWA	
S. 11	Liberty	
S. 18	@RUTGERS	
S. 23	Akron	41-38
O. 2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
O. 9	@MIAMI (OH)	30-38
O. 16	Marshall	33-49
O. 30	Ohio	37-33
N. 6	@BUFFALO	34-24
N. 13	Eastern Michigan	
N. 23	@UCF	36-16

Coach: *Doug Martin* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Flashes* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Kentucky Lexington, KY

S. 5	@LOUISVILLE	24-40
S. 18	Indiana	34-17
S. 25	@FLORIDA	21-24
O. 2	Ohio	35-14
O. 9	Alabama	17-27
O. 16	South Carolina	21-27
O. 23	@AUBURN	
O. 30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	42-17
N. 6	Georgia	10-30
N. 13	Vanderbilt	17-28
N. 27	@TENNESSEE	7-20

Coach: *Rich Brooks* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

La Salle Philadelphia, PA

S. 4	Wagner	6-10
S. 11	@MONMOUTH	0-50
S. 18	College of New Jersey	28-27
S. 23	@ST. PETER'S	20-38
O. 2	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	27-33
O. 9	@URSINUS	
O. 16	Catholic University	31-32
O. 23	Marist	33-31
O. 30	@IONA	20-26
N. 6	Duquesne	14-62

Coach: *Phil Longo* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Explorers* ***2003 Record:*** *3-8*

Lafayette Easton, PA

S. 4	Marist	49-0
S. 11	@GEORGETOWN	10-17
S. 18	@PRINCETON	28-13
S. 25	@RICHMOND	
O. 2	Harvard	27-34
O. 9	@COLUMBIA	41-27
O. 16	@BUCKNELL	35-17
O. 23	@FORDHAM	30-32
N. 6	@COLGATE	31-47
N. 13	Holy Cross	41-13
N. 20	Lehigh	10-30

Coach: *Frank Tavani* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Leopards* ***2003 Record:*** *5-6*

Lehigh Bethlehem, PA

S. 4	Stony Brook	
S. 11	Villanova	
S. 18	@LIBERTY	
O. 2	Albany	
O. 9	@HOLY CROSS	38-20
O. 16	@YALE	
O. 23	Bucknell	45-9
O. 30	Colgate	10-17
N. 6	@GEORGETOWN	45-24
N. 13	Fordham	23-16
N. 20	@LAFAYETTE	30-10

Coach: *Pete Lembo* ***Colors:*** *Brown & White*
Nickname: *Mountain Hawks* ***2003 Record:*** *8-3*

Liberty Lynchburg, VA

S. 4	West Virginia Tech	
S. 11	@KENT STATE	
S. 18	Lehigh	
S. 25	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	3-34
O. 2	Gardner-Webb	
O. 9	William & Mary	
O. 23	@COASTAL CAROLINA	38-21
O. 30	Charleston Southern	17-6
N. 6	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	31-28
N. 13	@CHATTANOOGA	
N. 20	Elon	

Coach: *Ken Karcher* ***Colors:*** *Red, White & Blue*
Nickname: *Flames* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA

S. 11	Louisiana-Lafayette	34-3
S. 18	@MIAMI (FL)	9-48
S. 25	@TENNESSEE	
O. 2	Fresno State	6-16
O. 9	@AUBURN	
O. 16	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	41-6
O. 23	UTEP	38-35
O. 30	Nevada	42-34
N. 6	@HAWAII	41-44
N. 13	Tulsa	18-48
N. 20	@BOISE STATE	37-43
N. 27	@RICE	14-49

Coach: *Jack Bicknell III* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Louisiana-Lafayette Lafayette, LA

S. 4	Northwestern State	
S. 11	@LOUISIANA TECH	3-34
S. 18	@KANSAS STATE	
S. 25	Middle Tennessee State	57-51 (OT)
O. 2	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	43-10
O. 9	@NEW MEXICO STATE	26-24
O. 16	@IDAHO	31-20
O. 23	Arkansas State	
N. 6	North Texas	23-44
N. 13	Troy State	
N. 20	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	42-45

Coach: *Rickey Bustle* ***Colors:*** *Vermillion & White*
Nickname: *Ragin' Cajuns* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Louisiana-Monroe Monroe, LA

S. 4	@AUBURN	7-73
S. 18	Arkansas@	
S. 25	Arkansas State	41-44
O. 2	@WYOMING	
O. 9	@IDAHO	20-58
O. 16	Florida International	
O. 23	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
O. 30	@NORTH TEXAS	26-28
N. 6	Utah State	10-28
N. 13	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	
N. 20	Louisiana-Lafayette	45-42
@ At Little Rock, AR		

Coach: *Charlie Weatherbie* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal Red & Gold*
Nickname: *Indians* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

Louisville Louisville, KY

S. 5	Kentucky	40-24
S. 11	@ARMY	34-10
S. 18	@TULANE	47-28
S. 25	@NORTH CAROLINA	
O. 2	East Carolina	36-20
O. 14	@MIAMI (FL)	
O. 22	South Florida	28-31 (OT)
N. 3	@MEMPHIS	7-37
N. 9	TCU	28-31
N. 20	@HOUSTON	66-45
N. 27	Cincinnati	43-40

Coach: *Bob Petrino* ***Colors:*** *Red, White & Black*
Nickname: *Cardinals* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

LSU Baton Rouge, LA

S. 4	Oregon State	
S. 11	Arkansas State	
S. 18	@AUBURN	31-7
S. 25	Mississippi State	41-6
O. 2	@GEORGIA	34-13
O. 9	@FLORIDA	7-19
O. 23	Troy State	
O. 30	Vanderbilt	
N. 13	Alabama	27-3
N. 20	Mississippi	17-14
N. 27	@ARKANSAS@	55-24
@ At Little Rock, AR		

Coach: *Nick Saban* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *12-1*

Maine Orono, ME

S. 4	@MONTANA	20-30
S. 11	Northern Colorado	
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O. 2	@DELAWARE	21-24 (OT)
O. 9	@RICHMOND	20-10
O. 16	James Madison	20-13
O. 23	Northeastern	14-20
O. 30	@MASSACHUSETTS	16-24
N. 6	Hofstra	44-21
N. 13	@RHODE ISLAND	
N. 20	New Hampshire	27-47

Coach: *Jack Cosgrove* ***Colors:*** *White & Blue*
Nickname: *Black Bears* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Marist Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 4	@LAFAYETTE	0-49
S. 11	Wagner	24-13
S. 25	Iona	21-38
O. 2	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	33-29
O. 9	St. Peter's (NJ)	
O. 16	Sacred Heart	28-56
O. 23	@LA SALLE	31-33
O. 30	@DUQUESNE	6-31
N. 6	@HOLY CROSS	

Coach: *Jim Parady* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Red Foxes* ***2003 Record:*** *4-6*

Marshall Huntington, WV

S. 4	Troy State	24-33
S. 11	@OHIO STATE	
S. 18	@GEORGIA	
S. 29	Miami (OH)	6-45
O. 9	@OHIO	28-0
O. 16	@KENT STATE	49-33
O. 23	Buffalo	26-16
O. 30	UCF	21-7
N. 5	@AKRON	42-24
N. 13	@BOWLING GREEN	
N. 20	Western Michigan	41-21

Coach: *Bob Pruett* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Thundering Herd* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Maryland College Park, MD

S. 4	Northern Illinois	13-20 (OT)
S. 11	Temple	
S. 18	@WEST VIRGINIA	34-7
S. 25	@DUKE	33-20
O. 9	Georgia Tech	3-7
O. 16	North Carolina State	26-24
O. 23	@CLEMSON	21-7
O. 30	Florida State	10-35
N. 6	@VIRGINIA	27-17
N. 18	@VIRGINIA TECH	
N. 27	Wake Forest	41-28

Coach: *Ralph Friedgen* ***Colors:*** *Red, White, Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Terrapins* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Massachusetts Amherst, MA

S. 4	@DELAWARE STATE	
S. 11	Colgate	7-19
S. 18	Richmond	30-17
S. 25	Delaware	45-51 (OT)
O. 2	@BOSTON COLLEGE	
O. 9	@JAMES MADISON	31-26
O. 16	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	44-30
O. 23	@RHODE ISLAND	31-17
O. 30	Maine	24-16
N. 6	@NORTHEASTERN	28-24
N. 20	Hofstra	27-22

Coach: *Don Brown* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Minutemen* ***2003 Record:*** *10-3*

McNeese State Lake Charles, LA

S. 4	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	
S. 11	Southeastern Louisiana	58-20
S. 18	Youngstown State	
S. 25	@PORTLAND STATE	
O. 2	Southern Utah	33-20
O. 16	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	13-9
O. 23	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
O. 30	Texas State	38-28
N. 6	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	56-37
N. 13	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	20-17
N. 20	Nicholls State	63-28

Coach: *Tommy Tate* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Cowboys* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Memphis Memphis, TN

S. 4	@MISSISSIPPI	44-34
S. 11	Chattanooga	
S. 18	@ARKANSAS STATE	38-16
S. 25	@UAB	10-24
O. 2	Houston	45-14
O. 16	Tulane	41-9
O. 23	@CINCINNATI	21-16
N. 3	Louisville	37-7
N. 12	Southern Mississippi	6-23
N. 20	@EAST CAROLINA	41-24
N. 27	@SOUTH FLORIDA	16-21

Coach: *Tommy West* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gray*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Miami (FL) Coral Gables, FL

S. 6	Florida State	22-14
S. 18	Louisiana Tech	48-9
S. 23	@HOUSTON	
O. 2	@GEORGIA TECH	
O. 14	Louisville	
O. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
O. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA	
N. 6	Clemson	
N. 13	@VIRGINIA	
N. 20	Wake Forest	
D. 4	Virginia Tech	7-31

Coach: *Larry Coker* ***Colors:*** *Orange, Green & White*
Nickname: *Hurricanes* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Miami (OH) Oxford, OH

A. 28	Indiana State	
S. 4	@MICHIGAN	
S. 11	@CINCINNATI	42-37
S. 18	Ohio	49-31
S. 29	@MARSHALL	45-6
O. 9	Kent State	38-30
O. 16	@BUFFALO	59-3
O. 23	UCF	56-21
N. 3	Toledo	
N. 13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
N. 20	@AKRON	45-20

Coach: *Terry Hoeppner* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *RedHawks* ***2003 Record:*** *12-1*

Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

S. 4	Miami (OH)	
S. 11	@NOTRE DAME	38-0
S. 18	San Diego State	
S. 25	Iowa	27-30
O. 2	@INDIANA	31-17
O. 9	Minnesota	38-35
O. 16	@ILLINOIS	56-14
O. 23	@PURDUE	31-3
O. 30	Michigan State	27-20
N. 13	Northwestern	41-10
N. 20	@OHIO STATE	35-21

Coach: *Lloyd Carr* ***Colors:*** *Maize & Blue*
Nickname: *Wolverines* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Michigan State East Lansing, MI

S. 4	@RUTGERS	44-28
S. 11	Central Michigan	
S. 18	Notre Dame	22-16
S. 25	@INDIANA	31-3
O. 2	@IOWA	20-10
O. 9	Illinois	49-14
O. 16	Minnesota	44-38
O. 30	@MICHIGAN	20-27
N. 6	Ohio State	23-33
N. 13	Wisconsin	21-56
N. 20	@PENN STATE	41-10
D. 4	@HAWAII	

Coach: *John L. Smith* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Spartans* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Middle Tennessee Murfreesboro, TN

S. 4	@FLORIDA	
S. 11	@AKRON	
S. 18	Florida Atlantic	19-20
S. 25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	51-57 (OT)
O. 2	@NORTH TEXAS	28-33
O. 9	Arkansas State	24-14
O. 23	Idaho	28-21 (OT)
O. 30	Utah State	20-41
N. 6	@NEW MEXICO STATE	35-18
N. 13	Louisiana-Monroe	
N. 20	@TROY STATE	27-20

Coach: *Andy McCollum* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Blue Raiders* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

S.	5	Toledo	
S.	11	Illinois State	
S.	18	@COLORADO STATE	
S.	25	Northwestern	42-17
O.	2	Penn State	20-14
O.	9	@MICHIGAN	35-38
O.	16	@MICHIGAN STATE	38-44
O.	23	Illinois	36-10
O.	30	@INDIANA	55-7
N.	6	@WISCONSIN	37-34
N.	13	Iowa	22-40

Coach: *Glen Mason* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Gophers* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Mississippi Oxford, MS

S.	4	Memphis	34-44
S.	11	@ALABAMA	43-28
S.	18	Vanderbilt	24-21
S.	25	@WYOMING	
O.	2	Arkansas State	55-0
O.	9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	43-40
O.	16	Tennessee	
O.	30	Auburn	24-20
N.	13	@ARKANSAS	19-7
N.	20	@LSU	14-17
N.	25	Mississippi State	31-0

Coach: *David Cutcliffe* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal Red & Navy Blue*
Nickname: *Rebels* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Mississippi State Starkville, MS

S.	4	Tulane	28-31
S.	11	Auburn	13-45
S.	18	Maine	
S.	25	@LSU	6-41
O.	2	@VANDERBILT	30-21
O.	9	UAB	
O.	23	Florida	
O.	30	Kentucky	17-42
N.	6	@ALABAMA	0-38
N.	20	Arkansas	6-52
N.	25	@MISSISSIPPI	0-31

Coach: *Sylvester Croom* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Mississippi Valley State Itta Bena, MS

S.	4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7-27
S.	11	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	0-29
S.	18	@ALABAMA A&M	0-37
S.	25	@JACKSON STATE	17-21
O.	2	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
O.	9	Grambling State	6-45
O.	23	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	17-30
O.	30	Prairie View A&M	40-3
N.	6	Alcorn State	7-23
N.	13	@ALABAMA STATE	31-55

Coach: *Willie Totten* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Delta Devils* ***2003 Record:*** *2-9*

Missouri Columbia, MO

S.	4	Arkansas State	
S.	11	@TROY STATE	
S.	18	Ball State	35-7
O.	2	Colorado	16-21
O.	9	@BAYLOR	
O.	16	@TEXAS	
O.	23	Oklahoma State	
O.	30	@NEBRASKA	41-24
N.	6	Kansas State	14-24
N.	20	Kansas	14-35
N.	27	@IOWA STATE	45-7

Coach: *Gary Pinkel* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Monmouth West Long Branch, NJ

S.	4	@ST. PETER'S	24-0
S.	11	La Salle	50-0
S.	18	@ROBERT MORRIS	17-10
S.	25	Stony Brook	20-14
O.	2	@IONA	30-7
O.	9	@WAGNER	24-0
O.	16	@ALBANY	10-7
O.	23	Georgetown	12-10
O.	30	Central Connecticut State	10-14
N.	6	Sacred Heart	12-7
N.	13	St. Francis (PA)	28-21

Coach: *Kevin Callahan* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Hawks* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Montana Missoula, MT

S.	4	Maine	30-20
S.	11	Hofstra	
S.	18	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	38-14
S.	25	Northern Colorado	
O.	2	@WEBER STATE	12-7
O.	9	Idaho State	40-43 (OT)
O.	16	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	41-10
O.	30	@PORTLAND STATE	42-14
N.	6	Northern Arizona	59-21
N.	13	Sacramento State	26-0
N.	20	Montana State	20-27

Coach: *Bobby Hauck* ***Colors:*** *Copper, Silver & Gold*
Nickname: *Grizzlies* ***2003 Record:*** *9-4*

Montana State Bozeman, MT

S.	11	Adams State	
S.	18	Cal Poly	21-24
S.	25	@COLORADO STATE	
O.	2	@IDAHO STATE	17-23
O.	9	Weber State	26-3
O.	16	Portland State	25-14
O.	23	South Dakota State	
O.	30	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	21-17
N.	6	@SACRAMENTO STATE	56-7
N.	13	Eastern Washington	25-34
N.	20	@MONTANA	27-20

Coach: *Mike Kramer* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Bobcats* ***2003 Record:*** *7-6*

Morehead State Morehead, KY

S.	4	Coastal Carolina	31-6
S.	11	@DAYTON	0-12
S.	18	Butler	
S.	25	@DRAKE	34-17
O.	2	Valparaiso	42-54
O.	9	@AUSTIN PEAY	49-0
O.	16	@DAVIDSON	35-10
O.	23	Jacksonville	20-16
O.	30	St. Francis (PA)	
N.	6	Charleston Univ	48-10
N.	13	@DUQUESNE	15-10

Coach: *Matt Ballard* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *8-3*

Morgan State Baltimore, MD

S.	4	Bowie State	
S.	11	Gardner-Webb	
S.	18	@SAN JOSE STATE	
S.	25	Hampton@	21-24 (OT)
O.	2	Bethune-Cookman	31-24 (OT)
O.	9	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	21-28
O.	16	@HOWARD	33-12
O.	23	Delaware State	53-36
N.	6	@NORFOLK STATE	43-34
N.	13	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	21-27
N.	20	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	

@ At East Rutherford, NY

Coach: *Donald Hill-Eley* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Bears* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Murray State Murray, KY

S.	4	@CONNECTICUT	
S.	25	Tennessee Tech	24-49
S.	25	@INDIANA STATE	10-17
O.	2	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	23-17 (OT)
O.	9	Samford	6-35
O.	16	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	17-27
O.	23	Southeast Missouri State	27-24
O.	30	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	20-38
N.	13	Tennessee-Martin	41-27
N.	20	@TENNESSEE STATE	10-35

Coach: *Joe Pannunzio* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Racers* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Navy Annapolis, MD

S.	4	Duke	
S.	11	Northeastern	
S.	18	@TULSA	
S.	25	Vanderbilt	37-27
O.	2	@AIR FORCE	28-25
O.	16	Notre Dame@	24-27
O.	23	Rice	38-6
O.	30	Delaware	17-21
N.	6	@TULANE	35-17
N.	20	Rutgers	27-48
D.	4	Army#	34-6

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# At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: *Paul Johnson* ***Colors:*** *Navy Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Midshipmen* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Nebraska Lincoln, NE

S.	4	Western Illinois	
S.	11	Southern Mississippi	38-14
S.	18	@PITTSBURGH	
O.	2	Kansas	24-3
O.	9	@TEXAS TECH	
O.	16	Baylor	
O.	23	@KANSAS STATE	9-38
O.	30	Missouri	24-41
N.	6	@IOWA STATE	28-0
N.	13	@OKLAHOMA	
N.	26	Colorado	31-22

Coach: *Bill Callahan* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & Cream*
Nickname: *Cornhuskers* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Nevada Reno, NV

S.	4	Sacramento State	
S.	11	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
S.	18	Buffalo	
O.	2	@UNLV	12-16
O.	9	@HAWAII	24-14
O.	16	Rice	42-52
O.	23	Tulsa	28-21
O.	30	@LOUISIANA TECH	34-42
N.	6	San Jose State	42-30
N.	13	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	12-9
N.	20	@FRESNO STATE	10-27
N.	27	Boise State	3-56

Coach: *Chris Ault* ***Colors:*** *Royal Blue & Silver*
Nickname: *Wolf Pack* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

New Hampshire Durham, NH

S.	2	@DELAWARE	21-22
S.	11	@RUTGERS	
S.	18	William & Mary	28-38
S.	25	@DARTMOUTH	42-17
O.	2	@VILLANOVA	14-48
O.	16	Massachusetts	30-44
O.	23	Hofstra	38-17
O.	30	@NORTHEASTERN	
N.	6	@RHODE ISLAND	40-55
N.	13	Towson	
N.	20	@MAINE	47-27

Coach: *Sean McDonnell* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

S.	3	Washington State	13-23
S.	11	Texas Tech	28-42
S.	18	@OREGON STATE	
S.	25	@NEW MEXICO STATE	24-17
O.	2	Utah	47-35
O.	9	@AIR FORCE	24-12
O.	16	@UNLV	35-37
O.	23	San Diego State	30-7
O.	30	@COLORADO STATE	37-34
N.	13	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	7-10
N.	20	Wyoming	26-3

Coach: *Rocky Long* ***Colors:*** *Cherry & Sliver*
Nickname: *Lobos* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

New Mexico State Las Cruces, NM

S.	4	@ARKANSAS	20-48
S.	11	@CALIFORNIA	
S.	18	Troy State	
S.	25	New Mexico	17-24
O.	2	@UTEP	
O.	9	Louisiana-Lafayette	24-26
O.	23	@NORTH TEXAS	10-13
O.	30	Florida International	
N.	6	Middle Tennessee State	18-35
N.	13	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
N.	20	@UTAH STATE	26-21

Coach: *Tony Samuel* ***Colors:*** *Crimson & White*
Nickname: *Aggies* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

Nicholls State Thibodaux, LA

S.	4	Eastern Washington	
S.	11	@WESTERN CAROLINA	
S.	18	Texas A&M-Kingsville	26-27
S.	25	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	64-5
O.	2	North Dakota State	
O.	9	@FLORIDA A&M	
O.	16	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	37-12
O.	23	Northwestern State	40-30
N.	6	Stephen F. Austin	16-28
N.	13	@TEXAS STATE	31-13
N.	20	@MCNEESE STATE	28-63

Coach: *Daryl Daye* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal, Gray & Royal*
Nickname: *Colonels* ***2003 Record:*** *5-6*

Norfolk State Norfolk, VA

S.	4	Virginia State	15-16
S.	11	Savannah State	7-3
S.	25	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	14-56
O.	2	North Carolina A&T	14-34
O.	9	South Carolina State	15-34
O.	16	@HAMPTON	0-52
O.	30	@HOWARD	28-42
N.	6	Morgan State	34-43
N.	13	Delaware State	25-36

Coach: *Willie Gillus, Jr.* ***Colors:*** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Spartans* ***2003 Record:*** *1-11*

North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

S.	4	William & Mary	
S.	11	@VIRGINIA	13-38
S.	18	Georgia Tech	24-41
S.	25	Louisville	
O.	2	@FLORIDA STATE	0-37
O.	9	North Carolina State	34-47
O.	16	@UTAH	
O.	30	Miami (FL)	
N.	6	Virginia Tech	
N.	13	@WAKE FOREST	42-34
N.	20	@DUKE	22-30

Coach: *John Bunting* ***Colors:*** *Carolina Blue & White*
Nickname: *Tar Heels* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

S.	5	North Carolina Central@	25-0
S.	18	@WAKE FOREST	
S.	25	Elon	29-14
O.	2	@NORFOLK STATE	34-14
O.	9	Morgan State	28-21
O.	16	@DELAWARE STATE	33-7
O.	23	Howard	27-7
O.	30	Bethune-Cookman	13-7
N.	13	@HAMPTON	38-28
N.	20	South Carolina State	9-49

@ At Raleigh, NC

Coach: *George Small* ***Colors:*** *Navy Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Aggies* ***2003 Record:*** *10-3*

North Carolina State Raleigh, NC

S.	4	Richmond	
S.	18	Ohio State	38-44 (OT)
S.	25	@VIRGINIA TECH	
O.	2	Wake Forest	24-38
O.	9	@NORTH CAROLINA	47-34
O.	16	@MARYLAND	24-26
O.	23	Miami (FL)	
O.	30	@CLEMSON	17-15
N.	6	Georgia Tech	21-29
N.	11	Florida State	44-50 (OT)
N.	27	@EAST CAROLINA	

Coach: *Chuck Amato* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Wolfpack* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

North Dakota State Fargo, ND

A.	28	Valparaiso	
S.	4	@NORTHERN COLORADO	
S.	11	Montana Tech	
O.	2	@NICHOLLS STATE	
O.	9	@SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	
O.	16	Southern Utah	
O.	23	Cal Poly	
O.	30	Northwestern State	
N.	6	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	
N.	13	@WEBER STATE	

Coach: *Craig Bohl* ***Colors:*** *Green & Yellow*
Nickname: *Bison* ***2003 Record:*** *8-3*

North Texas Denton, TX

S.	4	@TEXAS	
S.	11	Florida Atlantic	
S.	18	@COLORADO	
S.	25	@BAYLOR	52-14
O.	2	Middle Tennessee State	33-28
O.	9	@UTAH STATE	37-27
O.	23	New Mexico State	13-10
O.	30	Louisiana-Monroe	28-26
N.	6	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	44-23
N.	13	Idaho	24-14
N.	20	@ARKANSAS STATE	58-14

Coach: *Darrell Dickey* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Northeastern Boston, MA

S. 4	Cheyney	
S. 11	@NAVY	
S. 25	@TOWSON	
O. 2	@WILLIAM & MARY	48-14
O. 9	Villanova	7-28
O. 16	@HARVARD	20-28
O. 23	@MAINE	20-14
O. 30	New Hampshire	
N. 6	Massachusetts	24-28
N. 13	@HOFSTRA	14-24
N. 20	Rhode Island	42-39

Coach: *Rocky Hager* **Colors:** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Huskies* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Northern Arizona Flagstaff, AZ

S. 4	@ARIZONA	
S. 11	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	
S. 25	Weber State	48-29
O. 2	Sacramento State	24-21
O. 9	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	54-31
O. 16	Western New Mexico	
O. 23	Portland State	23-0
O. 30	Montana State	17-21
N. 6	@MONTANA	21-59
N. 13	@IDAHO STATE	46-31
N. 20	Northern Iowa	

Coach: *Jerome Souers* **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Lumberjacks* **2003 Record:** *9-4*

Northern Colorado Greeley, CO

S. 4	North Dakota State	
S. 11	@MAINE	
S. 18	Idaho State	33-42
S. 25	@MONTANA	
O. 2	California-Davis	35-28
O. 9	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
O. 16	Florida Atlantic	19-21
O. 23	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	
N. 6	Southern Utah	29-25
N. 13	@CAL POLY	
N. 20	South Dakota State	

Coach: *Kay Dalton* **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Bears* **2003 Record:** *9-2*

Northern Illinois De Kalb, IL

S. 4	@MARYLAND	20-13 (OT)
S. 11	Southern Illinois	
S. 18	@IOWA STATE	24-16
S. 24	Bowling Green	18-34
O. 2	Akron	
O. 9	@UCF	
O. 16	Central Michigan	40-24
O. 23	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	37-10
O. 30	@BALL STATE	48-23
N. 10	Toledo	30-49
N. 20	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	38-24

Coach: *Joe Novak* **Colors:** *Cardinal & Black*
Nickname: *Huskies* **2003 Record:** *10-2*

Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, IA

S. 4	@IOWA STATE	10-17
S. 11	Minnesota State-Mankato	
S. 18	Stephen F. Austin	38-24
O. 2	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	43-40
O. 9	Western Kentucky	3-24
O. 16	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	47-9
O. 23	Western Illinois	38-30
O. 30	SMS	26-20
N. 6	@INDIANA STATE	22-14
N. 13	Illinois State	16-7
N. 20	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	

Coach: *Mark Farley* **Colors:** *Purple & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* **2003 Record:** *10-3*

Northwestern Evanston, IL

S. 2	@TCU	
S. 11	Arizona State	
S. 18	Kansas	28-20
S. 25	@MINNESOTA	17-42
O. 2	Ohio State	0-20
O. 9	Indiana	37-31 (OT)
O. 23	@WISCONSIN	16-7
O. 30	Purdue	14-34
N. 6	@PENN STATE	17-7
N. 13	@MICHIGAN	10-41
N. 20	Illinois	37-20
N. 27	@HAWAII	

Coach: *Randy Walker* **Colors:** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

Northwestern State Natchitoches, LA

S. 4	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
S. 11	@JACKSON STATE	23-7
S. 18	Texas Southern	
S. 25	Appalachian State	
O. 2	Panhandle State	59-0
O. 16	McNeese State	9-13
O. 23	@NICHOLLS STATE	30-40
O. 30	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	
N. 6	Texas State	49-19
N. 13	Sam Houston State	24-29
N. 20	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	14-44

Coach: *Scott Stoker* **Colors:** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Demons* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

Notre Dame South Bend, IN

S. 11	Michigan	0-38
S. 18	@MICHIGAN STATE	16-22
S. 25	Washington	
O. 2	Purdue	10-23
O. 9	Stanford	57-7
O. 16	@NAVY@	27-24
O. 23	Boston College	25-27
O. 30	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	33-14
N. 6	@TENNESSEE	
N. 13	Pittsburgh	20-14
N. 27	@USC	14-45

@ At East Rutherford, NY

Coach: *Tyrone Willingham* **Colors:** *Gold & Blue*
Nickname: *Fighting Irish* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

Ohio Athens, OH

S. 4	Virginia Military	
S. 11	@PITTSBURGH	
S. 18	@MIAMI (OH)	31-49
S. 25	Buffalo	17-26
O. 2	@KENTUCKY	14-35
O. 9	Marshall	0-28
O. 16	@TOLEDO	
O. 23	Bowling Green	
O. 30	@KENT STATE	33-37
N. 6	@UCF	28-0
N. 13	Akron	28-35

Coach: *Brian Knorr* **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Bobcats* **2003 Record:** *2-10*

Ohio State Columbus, OH

S. 4	Cincinnati	
S. 11	Marshall	
S. 18	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	44-38 (OT)
O. 2	@NORTHWESTERN	20-0
O. 9	Wisconsin	10-17
O. 16	@IOWA	19-10
O. 23	Indiana	35-6
O. 30	Penn State	21-20
N. 6	@MICHIGAN STATE	33-23
N. 13	@PURDUE	16-13 (OT)
N. 20	Michigan	21-35

Coach: *Jim Tressel* **Colors:** *Scarlet & Gray*
Nickname: *Buckeyes* **2003 Record:** *10-2*

Oklahoma Norman, OK

S. 4	Bowling Green	
S. 11	Houston	
S. 18	Oregon	
O. 2	Texas Tech	56-25
O. 9	Texas@	65-13
O. 16	@KANSAS STATE	7-35
O. 23	Kansas	
O. 30	@OKLAHOMA STATE	52-9
N. 6	@TEXAS A&M	77-0
N. 13	Nebraska	
N. 20	@BAYLOR	41-3

@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: *Bob Stoops* **Colors:** *Crimson & Cream*
Nickname: *Sooners* **2003 Record:** *12-1*

Oklahoma State Stillwater, OK

S. 4	@UCLA	
S. 11	Tulsa	
S. 18	Southern Methodist	52-6
O. 2	Iowa State	
O. 9	@COLORADO	
O. 16	Texas A&M	38-10
O. 23	@MISSOURI	
O. 30	Oklahoma	9-52
N. 6	@TEXAS	16-55
N. 13	Baylor	38-21
N. 20	@TEXAS TECH	51-49

Coach: *Les Miles* **Colors:** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Cowboys* **2003 Record:** *9-3*

Oregon Eugene, OR

S. 11	Indiana	
S. 18	@OKLAHOMA	
S. 25	Idaho	
O. 2	Arizona State	14-59
O. 9	@WASHINGTON STATE	16-55
O. 16	Arizona	48-10
O. 23	@STANFORD	35-0
O. 30	Washington	10-42
N. 6	@CALIFORNIA	21-17
N. 13	UCLA	31-13
N. 20	@OREGON STATE	34-20

Coach: *Mike Bellotti* **Colors:** *Emerald Green & Lemon Yellow*
Nickname: *Ducks* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Oregon State Corvallis, OR

S. 4	@LSU	
S. 11	@BOISE STATE	26-24
S. 18	New Mexico	
S. 25	@ARIZONA STATE	45-17
O. 2	California	35-21
O. 16	@WASHINGTON	17-38
O. 23	Washington State	30-36
O. 30	@ARIZONA	52-23
N. 6	USC	28-52
N. 13	@STANFORD	43-3
N. 20	Oregon	20-34

Coach: *Mike Riley* **Colors:** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Beavers* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Penn State University Park, PA

S. 4	Akron	
S. 11	@BOSTON COLLEGE	14-27
S. 18	UCF	
S. 25	@WISCONSIN	23-30
O. 2	@MINNESOTA	14-20
O. 9	Purdue	14-28
O. 23	Iowa	14-26
O. 30	@OHIO STATE	20-21
N. 6	Northwestern	7-17
N. 13	@INDIANA	52-7
N. 20	Michigan State	10-41

Coach: *Joe Paterno* **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Nittany Lions* **2003 Record:** *3-9*

Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

S. 18	@SAN DIEGO	
S. 25	Villanova	
O. 2	Dartmouth	33-20
O. 9	@BUCKNELL	14-13
O. 16	Columbia	31-7
O. 23	@YALE	34-31 (OT)
O. 30	Brown	24-21
N. 6	@PRINCETON	37-7
N. 13	Harvard	32-24
N. 20	@CORNELL	59-7

Coach: *Al Bagnoli* **Colors:** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Quakers* **2003 Record:** *10-0*

Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

S. 6	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
S. 11	Ohio	
S. 18	Nebraska	
S. 25	Furman	
S. 30	@CONNECTICUT	
O. 9	@TEMPLE	30-16
O. 16	Boston College	24-13
O. 23	Rutgers	42-32
N. 6	@SYRACUSE	34-14
N. 13	@NOTRE DAME	14-20
N. 25	West Virginia	31-52

Coach: *Walt Harris* **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Portland State Portland, OR

S. 2	Western State	
S. 18	@FRESNO STATE	16-42
S. 25	McNeese State	
O. 2	Eastern Washington	16-42
O. 9	@SACRAMENTO STATE	20-7
O. 16	@MONTANA STATE	14-25
O. 23	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	0-23
O. 30	Montana	14-42
N. 6	Idaho State	20-30
N. 13	@WEBER STATE	21-45
N. 20	California-Davis	

Coach: *Tim Walsh* **Colors:** *Forest Green & White*
Nickname: *Vikings* **2003 Record:** *4-7*

Prairie View A&M Prairie View, TX

S. 4	Texas Southern@	3-42
S. 11	Paul Quinn	45-31
S. 18	Southern University@	7-62
O. 2	@GRAMBLING STATE#	7-65
O. 9	Alcorn State	0-66
O. 16	Alabama State	7-59
O. 23	Lincoln (MO)	
O. 30	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	3-40
N. 6	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF$	7-43
N. 13	Jackson State	
N. 20	@ALABAMA A&M	10-50

@ At Houston, TX
# At Dallas, TX
$ At San Antonio, TX

Coach: *Henry Frazier* **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* **2003 Record:** *1-10*

Princeton Princeton, NJ

S. 18	Lafayette	13-28
S. 25	@SAN DIEGO	
O. 2	@COLUMBIA	27-33
O. 9	@COLGATE	3-30
O. 16	Brown	34-14
O. 23	Harvard	40-43 (OT)
O. 30	@CORNELL	28-6
N. 6	Pennsylvania	7-37
N. 13	@YALE	24-27 (OT)
N. 20	Dartmouth	15-21

Coach: *Roger Hughes* **Colors:** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2003 Record:** *2-8*

Purdue West Lafayette, IN

S. 5	Syracuse	
S. 11	Ball State	
S. 25	@ILLINOIS	43-10
O. 2	@NOTRE DAME	23-10
O. 9	@PENN STATE	28-14
O. 16	Wisconsin	26-23
O. 23	Michigan	3-31
O. 30	@NORTHWESTERN	34-14
N. 6	@IOWA	27-14
N. 13	Ohio State	13-16 (OT)
N. 20	Indiana	24-16

Coach: *Joe Tiller* **Colors:** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Boilermakers* **2003 Record:** *9-3*

Rhode Island Kingston, RI

S. 4	@FORDHAM	28-63
S. 11	Central Connecticut State	
S. 25	@HOFSTRA	24-0
O. 2	Brown	27-9
O. 9	@TOWSON	
O. 16	@WILLIAM & MARY	24-37
O. 23	Massachusetts	17-31
O. 30	Villanova	17-21
N. 6	New Hampshire	55-40
N. 13	Maine	
N. 20	@NORTHEASTERN	39-42

Coach: *Tim Stowers* **Colors:** *Columbia Blue & White*
Nickname: *Rams* **2003 Record:** *4-8*

Rice Houston, TX

S. 4	Houston	14-48
S. 18	Hawaii	21-41
S. 25	@TEXAS	7-48
O. 2	@SAN JOSE STATE	28-24
O. 9	Southern Methodist	41-20
O. 16	@NEVADA	52-42
O. 23	@NAVY	6-38
O. 30	@TULSA	28-31
N. 6	Fresno State	28-31
N. 13	@UTEP	45-14
N. 27	Louisiana Tech	49-14

Coach: *Ken Hatfield* **Colors:** *Blue & Gray*
Nickname: *Owls* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

Richmond Richmond, VA

S. 4	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
S. 11	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	35-25
S. 18	@MASSACHUSETTS	17-30
S. 25	Lafayette	
O. 9	Maine	10-20
O. 16	@VILLANOVA	13-42
O. 23	James Madison	14-34
O. 30	@HOFSTRA	
N. 6	Towson	
N. 13	Delaware	14-44
N. 20	@WILLIAM & MARY	21-59

Coach: *Dave Clawson* **Colors:** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Spiders* **2003 Record:** *2-9*

Robert Morris Moon Township, PA

S. 4	Buffalo State	33-23
S. 11	Duquesne	28-33
S. 18	Monmouth	10-17
S. 25	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	36-6
O. 2	@STONY BROOK	23-20
O. 9	Central Connecticut State	27-17
O. 16	Dayton	
O. 23	@WAGNER	31-28
O. 30	St. Peter's	31-24
N. 6	Albany	7-27
N. 13	@SACRED HEART	20-24

Coach: *Joe Walton* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Colonials* ***2003 Record:*** *6-4*

Rutgers Piscataway, NJ

S. 4	Michigan State	28-44
S. 11	New Hampshire	
S. 18	Kent State	
O. 2	@SYRACUSE	24-7
O. 9	@VANDERBILT	
O. 16	Temple	30-14
O. 23	@PITTSBURGH	32-42
O. 30	West Virginia	19-34
N. 6	@BOSTON COLLEGE	25-35
N. 20	@NAVY	48-27
N. 25	Connecticut	31-38

Coach: *Greg Schiano* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet*
Nickname: *Scarlet Knights* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Sacramento State Sacramento, CA

S. 4	@NEVADA	
S. 18	Southern Utah	
S. 25	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	27-31
O. 2	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	21-24
O. 9	Portland State	7-20
O. 16	Weber State	14-26
O. 23	@IDAHO STATE	47-21
O. 30	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	21-38
N. 6	Montana State	7-56
N. 13	@MONTANA	0-26
N. 20	Cal Poly	17-31

Coach: *Steve Mooshagian* ***Colors:*** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Hornets* ***2003 Record:*** *2-9*

Sacred Heart Fairfield, CT

S. 4	Central Connecticut State	27-24
S. 11	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	37-12
S. 18	Iona	31-38 (OT)
S. 25	Albany	7-42
O. 2	Wagner	16-24
O. 16	@MARIST	56-28
O. 23	St. Peter's	24-19
O. 30	@STONY BROOK	16-47
N. 6	@MONMOUTH	7-12
N. 13	Robert Morris	24-20

Coach: *Bill Lacey* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Pioneers* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Sam Houston State Huntsville, TX

S. 4	Ouachita Baptist	
S. 11	@SMS	
S. 18	Montana	14-38
S. 25	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
O. 7	Tarleton State	20-39
O. 16	Nicholls State	12-37
O. 23	Northern Colorado	
O. 30	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	31-34
N. 6	McNeese State	37-56
N. 13	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	29-24
N. 20	Texas State	28-49

Coach: *Ron Randleman* ***Colors:*** *Orange & White*
Nickname: *Bearkats* ***2003 Record:*** *2-9*

Samford Birmingham, AL

A. 28	West Alabama	44-28
S. 4	@GEORGIA TECH	
S. 11	Furman	
S. 25	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	41-31
O. 2	Eastern Kentucky	10-13
O. 9	@MURRAY STATE	35-6
O. 16	Tennessee-Martin	57-22
O. 23	@TENNESSEE STATE	24-29
O. 30	Tennessee Tech	42-24
N. 6	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	32-49
N. 20	Eastern Illinois	17-14

Coach: *Bill Gray* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

San Diego San Diego, CA

S. 4	@AZUSA PACIFIC	14-24
S. 11	@HOLY CROSS	46-45 (OT)
S. 18	Pennsylvania	
S. 25	Princeton	
O. 2	Southern Oregon	24-19
O. 9	@DRAKE	41-35
O. 16	Valparaiso	34-41
O. 23	Davidson	54-7
O. 30	@BUTLER	53-7
N. 6	Dayton	41-30
N. 13	Wagner	

Coach: *Jim Harbaugh* ***Colors:*** *Navy, Columbia Blue & White*
Nickname: *Toreros* ***2003 Record:*** *8-2*

San Diego State San Diego, CA

S. 4	San Jose State	
S. 11	Nevada	
S. 18	@MICHIGAN	
O. 2	@UCLA	10-20
O. 9	@WYOMING	25-20
O. 16	Colorado State	6-21
O. 23	@NEW MEXICO	7-30
O. 30	Utah	6-27
N. 6	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	36-44
N. 13	@AIR FORCE	24-3
N. 20	UNLV	7-0

Coach: *Tom Craft* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & Black*
Nickname: *Aztecs* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

San Jose State San Jose, CA

S. 4	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
S. 11	@STANFORD	10-31
S. 18	Morgan State	
S. 25	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	31-14
O. 2	Rice	24-28
O. 9	@WASHINGTON	
O. 23	@HAWAII	10-13
O. 30	UTEP	69-41
N. 6	@NEVADA	30-42
N. 13	Boise State	14-77
N. 20	@TULSA	32-34
N. 27	Fresno State	7-41

Coach: *Fitz Hill* ***Colors:*** *Gold, Blue & White*
Nickname: *Spartans* ***2003 Record:*** *3-8*

Savannah State Savannah, GA

S. 11	@NORFOLK STATE	3-7
S. 18	South Carolina State	0-53
S. 25	@HOWARD	3-48
O. 16	Alabama A&M	0-41
O. 23	@FLORIDA A&M	
N. 6	@COASTAL CAROLINA	19-29
N. 13	Grambling State	17-33
N. 20	Hampton	13-48

Coach: *Richard Basil* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2003 Record:*** *0-12*

South Carolina Columbia, SC

S. 4	@VANDERBILT	35-24
S. 11	Georgia	7-31
S. 18	South Florida	
S. 25	Troy State	
O. 2	@ALABAMA	
O. 9	Mississippi	40-43
O. 16	@KENTUCKY	27-21
O. 30	Tennessee	20-23 (OT)
N. 6	Arkansas	6-28
N. 13	@FLORIDA	22-24
N. 20	@CLEMSON	17-63

Coach: *Lou Holtz* *Colors: Garnet & Black*
Nickname: *Gamecocks* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

South Carolina State Orangeburg, SC

S. 4	Benedict	41-7
S. 11	Wofford	13-35
S. 18	@SAVANNAH STATE	53-0
O. 2	@TENNESSEE STATE@	20-37
O. 9	@NORFOLK STATE	34-15
O. 16	Bethune-Cookman	28-31
O. 23	Hampton	12-32
O. 30	@DELAWARE STATE	36-13
N. 6	Howard	24-14
N. 13	Morgan State	27-21
N. 20	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	49-9
@ At Indianapolis, IN		

Coach: *Buddy Pough* ***Colors:*** *Garnet & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs 2003 Record: 8-4*

South Dakota State Brookings, SD

S. 4	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	
S. 11	Winona State	
S. 18	Western Oregon	
O. 2	@CAL POLY	
O. 9	North Dakota State	
O. 23	@MONTANA STATE	
O. 30	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	
N. 6	Augustana (SD)	
N. 13	@SOUTHERN UTAH	
N. 20	@NORTHERN COLORADO	

Coach: *John Stiegelmeier* ***Colors:*** *Yellow & Blue*
Nickname: *Jackrabbits* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

South Florida Tampa, FL

S. 6	Pittsburgh	
S. 11	Tennessee Tech	
S. 18	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S. 25	@TCU	10-13
O. 2	Southern Mississippi	6-27
O. 16	Army	28-0
O. 22	@LOUISVILLE	31-28 (OT)
N. 6	@UAB	19-22
N. 13	East Carolina	38-37 (OT)
N. 20	@CINCINNATI	24-17 (OT)
N. 27	Memphis	21-16

Coach: *Jim Leavitt* ***Colors:*** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Bulls* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

Southeast Missouri State Cape Girardeau, MO

S. 2	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	7-28
S. 11	@BOWLING GREEN	
S. 18	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
S. 25	Samford	31-41
O. 2	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	30-17
O. 16	Eastern Kentucky	41-38
O. 23	@MURRAY STATE	24-27
O. 30	Tennessee-Martin	20-7
N. 6	@TENNESSEE STATE	52-35
N. 13	Tennessee Tech	24-20
N. 20	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	17-22

Coach: *Tim Billings* ***Colors:*** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Indians* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Southeastern Louisiana Hammond, LA

S. 4	Arkansas-Monticello	22-17
S. 11	@MCNEESE STATE	20-58
S. 18	@TEXAS STATE	17-38
S. 25	Sam Houston State	
O. 2	Mississippi Valley State	
O. 9	Northern Colorado	
O. 30	Alcorn State	24-27
N. 6	@JACKSONVILLE	43-23
N. 11	Texas College	
N. 20	@GARDNER-WEBB	

Coach: *Hal Mumme* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal, Silver & Black*
Nickname: *Lions* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL

S. 2	Southeast Missouri State	28-7
S. 11	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
S. 18	William Penn	
S. 25	@DELAWARE STATE	
O. 2	Northern Iowa	40-43
O. 9	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	24-17
O. 16	Western Kentucky	28-24
O. 23	@SMS	20-6
O. 30	Western Illinois	37-32
N. 6	@ILLINOIS STATE	45-17
N. 13	Indiana State	37-14

Coach: *Jerry Kill* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Salukis* ***2003 Record:*** *10-2*

Southern Methodist Dallas, TX

S. 4	Texas Tech	10-58
S. 11	@TCU	13-20
S. 18	@OKLAHOMA STATE	6-52
S. 25	San Jose State	14-31
O. 2	@BOISE STATE	3-45
O. 9	@RICE	20-41
O. 16	Louisiana Tech	6-41
O. 30	@FRESNO STATE	11-20
N. 6	Tulsa	16-35
N. 13	Nevada	9-12
N. 20	@UTEP	19-21

Coach: *Phil Bennett* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Mustangs* ***2003 Record:*** *0-12*

Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS

S. 11	@NEBRASKA	14-38
S. 18	California	2-34
S. 25	@TULANE	28-14
O. 2	@SOUTH FLORIDA	27-6
O. 7	Houston	31-10
O. 16	@ALABAMA	3-17
O. 23	East Carolina	38-21
N. 6	Cincinnati	22-20
N. 12	@MEMPHIS	23-6
N. 20	@TCU	40-28
N. 27	UAB	17-12

Coach: *Jeff Bower* ***Colors:*** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Eagles* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Southern University Baton Rouge, LA

S. 4	McNeese State	
S. 11	Mississippi Valley State	29-0
S. 18	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M@	62-7
O. 2	@ALABAMA STATE	20-9
O. 9	@ALABAMA A&M	55-25
O. 16	Jackson State	30-20
O. 23	@ALCORN STATE	34-36
O. 30	Texas College	
N. 13	Texas Southern	24-17
N. 27	@GRAMBLING STATE	44-41
@ At Houston, TX		

Coach: *Pete Richardson* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Jaguars* ***2003 Record:*** *12-1*

Southern Utah Cedar City, UT

S. 4	@WEBER STATE	3-13
S. 18	@SACRAMENTO STATE	
S. 25	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	22-21
O. 2	@MCNEESE STATE	20-33
O. 9	Cal Poly	21-33
O. 16	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	
O. 23	California-Davis	
O. 30	Montana-Western	
N. 6	@NORTHERN COLORADO	25-29
N. 13	South Dakota State	
N. 20	Idaho State	17-36

Coach: *Wes Meier* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet, Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Thunderbirds* ***2003 Record:*** *4-7*

Southwest Missouri State Springfield, MO

S. 2	Drake	
S. 11	Sam Houston State	
S. 18	Union College	
S. 25	@TULSA	
O. 2	Western Illinois	42-63
O. 9	@ILLINOIS STATE	43-48
O. 16	@INDIANA STATE	45-10
O. 23	Southern Illinois	6-20
O. 30	@NORTHERN IOWA	20-26
N. 6	Western Kentucky	6-9
N. 13	Youngstown State	7-34

Coach: *Randy Ball* ***Colors:*** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Bears* ***2003 Record:*** *4-7*

St. Francis (PA) Loretto, PA

S. 4	@GEORGETOWN	
S. 11	Sacred Heart	12-37
S. 18	Valparaiso	6-38
S. 25	Robert Morris	6-36
O. 2	La Salle	33-27
O. 9	@ALBANY	21-44
O. 16	Stony Brook	14-49
O. 23	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	28-35
O. 30	@MOREHEAD STATE	
N. 6	Wagner	7-21
N. 13	@MONMOUTH	21-28

Coach: *Dave Opfar* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Red Flash* ***2003 Record:*** *1-9*

St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

S. 4	Monmouth	0-24
S. 11	@ Hartwick	
S. 16	Central Connecticut State	
S. 23	La Salle	38-20
O. 9	@ Marist	
O. 16	Duquesne	7-39
O. 23	@SACRED HEART	19-24
O. 30	@ROBERT MORRIS	24-31
N. 6	@IONA	7-23
N. 13	@ Pace	

Coach: *Scott Kochman* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Peacocks* ***2003 Record:*** *2-8*

Stanford Stanford, CA

S. 11	San Jose State	31-10
S. 18	Brigham Young	18-14
S. 25	USC	21-44
O. 2	Washington	17-28
O. 9	@NOTRE DAME	7-57
O. 16	@WASHINGTON STATE	14-24
O. 23	Oregon	0-35
O. 30	@UCLA	21-14
N. 6	@ARIZONA STATE	38-27
N. 13	Oregon State	3-43
N. 20	@CALIFORNIA	16-28

Coach: *Buddy Teevens* **Colors:** *Cardinal & White*
Nickname: *Cardinal* **2003 Record:** *4-7*

Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, TX

S. 4	Henderson State	
S. 11	Northern Arizona	
S. 18	@NORTHERN IOWA	24-38
S. 25	Southern Utah	21-22
O. 9	Florida International	35-13
O. 16	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	
O. 23	@TEXAS STATE	44-27
O. 30	Sam Houston State	34-31
N. 6	@NICHOLLS STATE	28-16
N. 13	McNeese State	17-20
N. 20	Northwestern State	44-14

Coach: *Mike Santiago* **Colors:** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Lumberjacks* **2003 Record:** *7-4*

Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY

S. 4	@LEHIGH	
S. 18	@WAGNER	28-21
S. 25	@MONMOUTH	14-20
O. 2	Robert Morris	20-23
O. 9	Hofstra	
O. 16	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	49-14
O. 23	Albany	7-40
O. 30	Sacred Heart	47-16
N. 6	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	36-31
N. 13	Iona	31-20

Coach: *Sam Kornhauser* **Colors:** *Scarlet & Grey*
Nickname: *Seawolves* **2003 Record:** *6-4*

Syracuse Syracuse, NY

S. 5	@PURDUE	
S. 11	@BUFFALO	
S. 18	Cincinnati	
S. 25	@VIRGINIA	
O. 2	Rutgers	7-24
O. 9	Florida State	
O. 20	@WEST VIRGINIA	23-34
O. 30	Connecticut	
N. 6	Pittsburgh	14-34
N. 13	@TEMPLE	41-17
N. 27	@BOSTON COLLEGE	39-14

Coach: *Paul Pasqualoni* **Colors:** *Orange*
Nickname: *Orangemen* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

TCU Fort Worth, TX

S. 2	Northwestern	
S. 11	Southern Methodist	20-13
S. 18	@TEXAS TECH	
S. 25	South Florida	13-10
O. 2	@ARMY	27-0
O. 16	@UAB	27-24
O. 23	Houston	62-55
O. 30	@CINCINNATI	43-10
N. 9	@LOUISVILLE	31-28
N. 20	Southern Mississippi	28-40
N. 27	Tulane	38-35

Coach: *Gary Patterson* **Colors:** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Horned Frogs* **2003 Record:** *11-1*

Temple Philadelphia, PA

S. 4	Virginia	
S. 11	@MARYLAND	
S. 18	Florida A&M	
S. 25	@TOLEDO	
O. 2	Bowling Green	
O. 9	Pittsburgh	16-30
O. 16	@RUTGERS	14-30
O. 23	@CONNECTICUT	
N. 6	@WEST VIRGINIA	28-45
N. 13	Syracuse	17-41
N. 20	Boston College	13-38

Coach: *Bobby Wallace* **Colors:** *Cherry & White*
Nickname: *Owls* **2003 Record:** *1-11*

Tennessee Knoxville, TN

S. 4	UNLV	
S. 18	Florida	24-10
S. 25	Louisiana Tech	
O. 2	Auburn	21-28
O. 9	@GEORGIA	14-41
O. 16	@MISSISSIPPI	
O. 23	Alabama	51-43 (OT)
O. 30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	23-20 (OT)
N. 6	Notre Dame	
N. 20	@VANDERBILT	48-0
N. 27	Kentucky	20-7

Coach: *Phillip Fulmer* **Colors:** *Orange & White*
Nickname: *Volunteers* **2003 Record:** *10-2*

Tennessee State Nashville, TN

S. 4	Alabama A&M	24-31
S. 9	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	41-10
S. 18	Jackson State	44-14
S. 25	@FLORIDA A&M@	7-10
O. 2	South Carolina State#	37-20
O. 16	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	7-34
O. 23	Samford	29-24
O. 30	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	24-14
N. 6	Southeast Missouri State	35-52
N. 13	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	38-43
N. 20	Murray State	35-10

@ At Atlanta, GA
# At Indianapolis, IN

Coach: *James Reese* **Colors:** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN

S. 11	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
S. 18	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	
S. 25	@MURRAY STATE	49-24
O. 2	Tennessee-Martin	23-30 (OT)
O. 9	Chattanooga	35-10
O. 23	Jacksonville State	20-37
O. 30	@SAMFORD	24-42
N. 6	Eastern Illinois	10-37
N. 13	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	20-24
N. 20	Eastern Kentucky	14-27

Coach: *Mike Hennigan* **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Eagles* **2003 Record:** *2-9*

Tennessee-Martin Martin, TN

S. 2	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
S. 9	Tennessee State	10-41
S. 18	@AUSTIN PEAY	21-20
O. 2	@TENNESSEE TECH	30-23 (OT)
O. 9	Jacksonville State	24-34
O. 16	@SAMFORD	22-57
O. 23	Eastern Illinois	12-29
O. 30	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	7-20
N. 6	Eastern Kentucky	32-41
N. 13	@MURRAY STATE	27-41

Coach: *Matt Griffin* **Colors:** *Orange, Blue & White*
Nickname: *Skyhawks* **2003 Record:** *2-10*

Texas Austin, TX

S. 4	North Texas	
S. 11	@ARKANSAS	28-38
S. 25	Rice	48-7
O. 2	Baylor	56-0
O. 9	@OKLAHOMA@	13-65
O. 16	Missouri	
O. 23	@TEXAS TECH	43-40
O. 30	@COLORADO	
N. 6	Oklahoma State	55-16
N. 13	@KANSAS	
N. 26	Texas A&M	46-15

@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: *Mack Brown* **Colors:** *White & Burnt Orange*
Nickname: *Longhorns* **2003 Record:** *10-2*

Texas A&M College Station, TX

S. 2	@UTAH	28-26
S. 11	Wyoming	
S. 18	Clemson	
O. 2	Kansas State	
O. 9	@IOWA STATE	
O. 16	@OKLAHOMA STATE	10-38
O. 23	Colorado	
O. 30	@BAYLOR	73-10
N. 6	Oklahoma	0-77
N. 13	Texas Tech	28-59
N. 26	@TEXAS	15-46

Coach: *Dennis Franchione* **Colors:** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Aggies* **2003 Record:** *4-8*

Texas Southern Houston, TX

S. 4	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M@	42-3
S. 11	@ALABAMA STATE	26-38
S. 18	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	
S. 25	Nicholls State	5-64
O. 2	Alabama A&M	0-63
O. 9	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7-6
O. 16	@ALCORN STATE	23-20
O. 23	Mississippi Valley State	30-17
O. 30	Grambling State	15-48
N. 13	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	17-24
N. 20	Morgan State	

@ At Houston, TX

Coach: *Steve Wilson* **Colors:** *Maroon & Gray*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2003 Record:** *5-6*

Texas State San Marcos, TX

S. 4	Angelo State	42-7
S. 11	@BAYLOR	
S. 18	Southeastern Louisiana	38-17
O. 2	@APPALACHIAN STATE	
O. 9	Florida Atlantic	14-27
O. 16	@CAL POLY	
O. 23	Stephen F. Austin	27-44
O. 30	@MCNEESE STATE	28-38
N. 6	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	19-49
N. 13	Nicholls State	13-31
N. 20	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	49-28

Coach: *David Bailiff* **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Bobcats* **2003 Record:** *4-8*

Texas Tech Lubbock, TX

S. 4	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	58-10
S. 11	@NEW MEXICO	42-28
S. 18	TCU	
S. 25	@KANSAS	
O. 2	@OKLAHOMA	25-56
O. 9	Nebraska	
O. 23	Texas	40-43
O. 30	@KANSAS STATE	
N. 6	Baylor	62-14
N. 13	@TEXAS A&M	59-28
N. 20	Oklahoma State	49-51

Coach: *Mike Leach* **Colors:** *Scarlet & Black*
Nickname: *Red Raiders* **2003 Record:** *7-5*

Toledo Toledo, OH

S. 5	@MINNESOTA	
S. 11	@KANSAS	
S. 18	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	49-14
S. 25	Temple	
O. 2	Ball State	14-38
O. 9	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	34-17
O. 16	Ohio	
O. 23	Central Michigan	31-13
N. 3	@MIAMI (OH)	
N. 10	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	49-30
N. 23	Bowling Green	23-31

Coach: *Tom Amstutz* **Colors:** *Midnight Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Rockets* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

Towson Towson, MD

S. 4	@ELON	24-7
S. 11	@DELAWARE	
S. 25	Northeastern	
O. 2	Cornell	
O. 9	Rhode Island	
O. 16	Bowie State	
O. 23	@VILLANOVA	
O. 30	William & Mary	
N. 6	@RICHMOND	
N. 13	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
N. 20	James Madison	

Coach: *Gordy Combs* **Colors:** *White, Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

Troy State Troy, AL

S. 4	@MARSHALL	33-24
S. 11	Missouri	
S. 18	@NEW MEXICO STATE	
S. 25	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
O. 2	Utah State	23-14
O. 16	@ARKANSAS STATE	
O. 23	@LSU	
O. 30	Idaho	
N. 6	Florida Atlantic	
N. 13	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
N. 20	Middle Tennessee State	20-27

Coach: *Larry Blakeney* **Colors:** *Cardinal, Silver & Black*
Nickname: *Trojans* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

Tulane New Orleans, LA

S. 4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	31-28
S. 11	Florida A&M	
S. 18	Louisville	28-47
S. 25	Southern Mississippi	14-28
O. 9	@EAST CAROLINA	28-18
O. 16	@MEMPHIS	9-41
O. 23	UAB	38-24
O. 30	@HOUSTON	42-45
N. 6	Navy	17-35
N. 13	Army	50-33
N. 27	@TCU	35-38

Coach: *Chris Scelfo* **Colors:** *Olive Green & Sky Blue*
Nickname: *Green Wave* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

Tulsa Tulsa, OK

S. 4	@KANSAS	
S. 11	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S. 18	Navy	
S. 25	SMS	
O. 2	@HAWAII	27-16
O. 16	Boise State	20-27
O. 23	@NEVADA	21-28
O. 30	Rice	31-28
N. 6	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	35-16
N. 13	@LOUISIANA TECH	48-18
N. 20	San Jose State	34-32
N. 27	UTEP	56-28

Coach: *Steve Kragthorpe* **Colors:** *Crimson, Royal Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Hurricane* **2003 Record:** *8-4*

UAB Birmingham, AL

S. 4	Baylor	24-19
S. 18	@FLORIDA STATE	
S. 25	Memphis	24-10
O. 2	@CINCINNATI	31-14
O. 9	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O. 16	TCU	24-27
O. 23	@TULANE	24-38
N. 6	South Florida	22-19
N. 13	Houston	28-56
N. 20	@ARMY	24-9
N. 27	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	12-17

Coach: *Watson Brown* **Colors:** *Green, Gold & White*
Nickname: *Blazers* **2003 Record:** *5-7*

UCF Orlando, FL

S. 4	@WISCONSIN	
S. 11	West Virginia	18-36
S. 18	@PENN STATE	
O. 2	@BUFFALO	19-10
O. 9	Northern Illinois	
O. 16	Akron	24-38
O. 23	@MIAMI (OH)	21-56
O. 30	@MARSHALL	7-21
N. 6	Ohio	0-28
N. 13	@BALL STATE	
N. 23	Kent State	16-36

Coach: *George O'Leary* **Colors:** *Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Golden Knights* **2003 Record:** *3-9*

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 4	Oklahoma State	
S. 11	@ILLINOIS	6-3
S. 18	@WASHINGTON	46-16
O. 2	San Diego State	20-10
O. 9	Arizona	24-21
O. 16	@CALIFORNIA	23-20 (OT)
O. 23	@ARIZONA STATE	20-13
O. 30	Stanford	14-21
N. 6	Washington State	13-31
N. 13	@OREGON	13-31
N. 20	USC	22-47

Coach: *Karl Dorrell* **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Bruins* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

UNLV Las Vegas, NV

S. 4	@TENNESSEE	
S. 11	@WISCONSIN	23-5
S. 18	Air Force	7-24
S. 25	Utah State	
O. 2	Nevada	16-12
O. 9	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	20-27 (OT)
O. 16	New Mexico	37-35
O. 23	@UTAH	10-28
N. 6	Wyoming	35-24
N. 13	@COLORADO STATE	23-24
N. 20	@SAN DIEGO STATE	0-7

Coach: *John Robinson* **Colors:** *Scarlet & Gray*
Nickname: *Rebels* **2003 Record:** *6-6*

USC Los Angeles, CA

A. 28	@VIRGINIA TECH@	
S. 4	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	35-18
S. 11	Colorado State	
S. 25	@STANFORD	44-21
O. 9	California	31-34 (OT)
O. 16	Arizona State	37-17
O. 23	Washington	43-23
O. 30	@WASHINGTON STATE	43-16
N. 6	@OREGON STATE	52-28
N. 13	Arizona	45-0
N. 20	@UCLA	47-22
N. 27	Notre Dame	45-14

@ At Landover, MD

Coach: *Pete Carroll* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal & Gold*
Nickname: *Trojans* ***2003 Record:*** *11-1*

Utah Salt Lake City, UT

S. 2	Texas A&M	26-28
S. 11	@ARIZONA	
S. 18	@UTAH STATE	40-20
S. 25	Air Force	45-43 (OT)
O. 2	@NEW MEXICO	35-47
O. 16	North Carolina	
O. 23	UNLV	28-10
O. 30	@SAN DIEGO STATE	27-6
N. 6	Colorado State	28-21
N. 13	@WYOMING	47-17
N. 20	Brigham Young	3-0

Coach: *Urban Meyer* ***Colors:*** *Crimson & White*
Nickname: *Utes* ***2003 Record:*** *9-2*

Utah State Logan, UT

S. 4	@ALABAMA	
S. 11	Idaho	13-20
S. 18	Utah	20-40
S. 25	@UNLV	
O. 2	@TROY STATE	14-23
O. 9	North Texas	27-37
O. 16	@CLEMSON	
O. 30	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	41-20
N. 6	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	28-10
N. 11	@ARKANSAS STATE	49-0
N. 20	New Mexico State	21-26

Coach: *Mick Dennehy* ***Colors:*** *Navy Blue & White*
Nickname: *Aggies* ***2003 Record:*** *3-9*

UTEP El Paso, TX

S. 2	@ARIZONA STATE	
S. 11	Weber State	
S. 18	Boise State	21-51
O. 2	New Mexico State	
O. 9	@FRESNO STATE	20-23
O. 16	Hawaii	15-31
O. 23	@LOUISIANA TECH	35-38
O. 30	@SAN JOSE STATE	41-69
N. 13	Rice	14-45
N. 20	Southern Methodist	21-19
N. 27	@TULSA	28-56

Coach: *Mike Price* ***Colors:*** *Orange, Blue & White*
Nickname: *Miners* ***2003 Record:*** *2-11*

Valparaiso Valparaiso, IN

A. 28	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	
S. 4	@WISCONSIN LUTHERAN	33-13
S. 11	Austin Peay	38-14
S. 18	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	38-6
S. 25	Jacksonville	27-34
O. 2	@MOREHEAD STATE	54-42
O. 9	Dayton	33-28
O. 16	@SAN DIEGO	41-34
O. 23	@DRAKE	51-45 (OT)
N. 6	Butler	21-25
N. 13	Aurora	44-26

Coach: *Tom Horne* ***Colors:*** *Brown & Gold*
Nickname: *Crusaders* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Vanderbilt Nashville, TN

S. 4	South Carolina	24-35
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI	21-24
S. 25	@NAVY	27-37
O. 2	Mississippi State	21-30
O. 9	Rutgers	
O. 16	@GEORGIA	8-27
O. 23	Eastern Kentucky	
O. 30	@LSU	
N. 6	Florida	17-35
N. 13	@KENTUCKY	28-17
N. 20	Tennessee	0-48

Coach: *Bobby Johnson* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Commodores* ***2003 Record:*** *2-10*

Villanova Villanova, PA

S. 2	Bucknell	
S. 11	@LEHIGH	
S. 18	James Madison	38-14
S. 25	@PENNSYLVANIA	
O. 2	New Hampshire	48-14
O. 9	@NORTHEASTERN	28-7
O. 16	Richmond	42-13
O. 23	Towson	
O. 30	@RHODE ISLAND	21-17
N. 6	@WILLIAM & MARY	
N. 20	@DELAWARE	17-20

Coach: *Andy Talley* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *7-4*

Virginia Charlottesville, VA

S. 4	@TEMPLE	
S. 11	North Carolina	38-13
S. 18	Akron	
S. 25	Syracuse	
O. 7	Clemson	27-30 (OT)
O. 16	@FLORIDA STATE	14-19
O. 23	@DUKE	27-0
N. 6	Maryland	17-27
N. 13	Miami (FL)	
N. 20	@GEORGIA TECH	29-17
N. 27	@VIRGINIA TECH	35-21

Coach: *Al Groh* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Blue*
Nickname: *Cavaliers* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

Virginia Military Lexington, VA

S. 4	@OHIO	
S. 11	Richmond	25-35
S. 18	Tennessee Tech	
S. 25	@WILLIAM & MARY	24-34
O. 2	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	50-7
O. 9	@GEORGETOWN	42-14
O. 16	Coastal Carolina	19-10
O. 23	@GARDNER-WEBB	25-37
O. 30	@JAMES MADISON	
N. 6	Liberty	28-31
N. 20	Wofford	

Coach: *Cal McCombs* ***Colors:*** *Red, White & Yellow*
Nickname: *Keydets* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA

A. 28	USC@	
S. 11	Western Michigan	
S. 18	Duke	
S. 25	North Carolina State	
O. 2	West Virginia	7-28
O. 9	@WAKE FOREST	
O. 16	Florida A&M	
O. 28	@GEORGIA TECH	
N. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA	
N. 18	Maryland	
N. 27	Virginia	21-35
D. 4	@MIAMI (FL)	31-7

@ At Landover, MD

Coach: *Frank Beamer* ***Colors:*** *Burnt Orange & Chicago Maroon*
Nickname: *Hokies* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Wagner Staten Island, NY

S. 4	@LA SALLE	10-6
S. 11	@MARIST	13-24
S. 18	Stony Brook	21-28
S. 25	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	39-16
O. 2	@SACRED HEART	24-16
O. 9	Monmouth	0-24
O. 16	Iona	34-17
O. 23	Robert Morris	28-31
O. 30	@ALBANY	7-28
N. 6	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	21-7
N. 13	@SAN DIEGO	

Coach: *Walt Hameline* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Seahawks* ***2003 Record:*** *6-5*

Wake Forest Winston-Salem, NC

S. 4	@CLEMSON	45-17
S. 11	@EAST CAROLINA	34-16
S. 18	North Carolina A&T	
S. 25	Boston College	32-28
O. 2	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	38-24
O. 9	Virginia Tech	
O. 23	Florida State	24-48
O. 30	Duke	42-13
N. 13	North Carolina	34-42
N. 20	@MIAMI (FL)	
N. 27	@MARYLAND	28-41

Coach: *Jim Grobe* ***Colors:*** *Black & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Demon Deacons* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Washington Seattle, WA

S. 5	Fresno State	
S. 18	UCLA	16-46
S. 25	@NOTRE DAME	
O. 2	@STANFORD	28-17
O. 9	San Jose State	
O. 16	Oregon State	38-17
O. 23	@USC	23-43
O. 30	@OREGON	42-10
N. 6	Arizona	22-27
N. 13	California	7-54
N. 20	@WASHINGTON STATE	27-19

Coach: *Keith Gilbertson* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Huskies* ***2003 Record:*** *6-6*

Washington State Pullman, WA

S. 3	@NEW MEXICO	23-13
S. 11	Colorado@	47-26
S. 18	@IDAHO	25-0
S. 25	@ARIZONA	30-7
O. 9	Oregon	55-16
O. 16	Stanford	24-14
O. 23	@OREGON STATE	36-30
O. 30	USC	16-43
N. 6	@UCLA	31-13
N. 13	@ARIZONA STATE	34-19
N. 20	Washington	19-27

@ At Seattle, WA

Coach: *Bill Doba* ***Colors:*** *Crimson & Gray*
Nickname: *Cougars* ***2003 Record:*** *9-3*

Weber State Ogden, UT

S. 4	Southern Utah	13-3
S. 11	@UTEP	
S. 18	California-Davis	
S. 25	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	29-48
O. 2	Montana	7-12
O. 9	@MONTANA STATE	3-26
O. 16	@SACRAMENTO STATE	26-14
O. 23	Eastern Washington	35-23
O. 30	@IDAHO STATE	38-21
N. 6	North Dakota State	
N. 13	Portland State	45-21

Coach: *Jerry Graybeal* ***Colors:*** *Royal Purple & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

West Virginia Morgantown, WV

S. 4	East Carolina	48-7
S. 11	@UCF	36-18
S. 18	Maryland	7-34
S. 25	James Madison	
O. 2	@VIRGINIA TECH	28-7
O. 13	@CONNECTICUT	
O. 20	Syracuse	34-23
O. 30	@RUTGERS	34-19
N. 6	Temple	45-28
N. 13	Boston College	35-28
N. 25	@PITTSBURGH	52-31

Coach: *Rich Rodriguez* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & Blue*
Nickname: *Mountaineers* ***2003 Record:*** *8-4*

Western Carolina Cullowhee, NC

S. 2	West Virginia State	
S. 11	Nicholls State	
S. 18	@ALABAMA	
S. 25	@GARDNER-WEBB	39-16
O. 2	@FURMAN	13-19
O. 9	Georgia Southern	25-31
O. 16	@WOFFORD	6-38
O. 23	Chattanooga	0-38
O. 30	@ELON	26-3
N. 13	Appalachian State	18-26
N. 20	@CITADEL	28-21

Coach: *Kent Briggs* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Catamounts* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

Western Illinois Macomb, IL

S. 4	@NEBRASKA	
S. 11	Cheyney	
S. 18	@HAMPTON	
S. 25	Quincy	
O. 2	@SMS	63-42
O. 9	Indiana State	34-28
O. 16	Illinois State	24-20
O. 23	@NORTHERN IOWA	30-38
O. 30	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	32-37
N. 6	Youngstown State	54-20
N. 13	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	33-28

Coach: *Don Patterson* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Leathernecks* ***2003 Record:*** *9-4*

Western Kentucky Bowling Green, KY

S. 4	@KANSAS STATE	
S. 11	Concord	
S. 18	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	36-3
S. 25	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
O. 2	Youngstown State	37-13
O. 9	@NORTHERN IOWA	24-3
O. 16	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	24-28
O. 23	Indiana State	59-14
O. 30	Illinois State	27-24
N. 6	@SMS	9-6
N. 13	Western Illinois	28-33

Coach: *David Elson* ***Colors:*** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Hilltoppers* ***2003 Record:*** *9-4*

Western Michigan Kalamazoo, MI

S. 2	Tennessee-Martin	
S. 11	@VIRGINIA TECH	
S. 18	@ILLINOIS	
S. 25	@BALL STATE	28-20
O. 9	Toledo	17-34
O. 16	Eastern Michigan	31-3
O. 23	Northern Illinois	10-37
O. 30	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	44-21
N. 6	@BOWLING GREEN	21-32
N. 13	Miami (OH)	
N. 20	@MARSHALL	21-41

Coach: *Gary Darnell* ***Colors:*** *Brown & Gold*
Nickname: *Broncos* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

William & Mary Williamsburg, VA

S. 4	@NORTH CAROLINA	
S. 18	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	38-28
S. 25	Virginia Military	34-24
O. 2	Northeastern	14-48
O. 9	@LIBERTY	
O. 16	Rhode Island	37-24
O. 23	@DELAWARE	27-41
O. 30	@TOWSON	
N. 6	Villanova	
N. 13	@JAMES MADISON	17-24
N. 20	Richmond	59-21

Coach: *Jimmye Laycock* ***Colors:*** *Green, Gold & Silver*
Nickname: *Tribe* ***2003 Record:*** *5-5*

Wisconsin Madison, WI

S. 4	UCF	
S. 11	UNLV	5-23
S. 18	@ARIZONA	
S. 25	Penn State	30-23
O. 2	Illinois	38-20
O. 9	@OHIO STATE	17-10
O. 16	@PURDUE	23-26
O. 23	Northwestern	7-16
N. 6	Minnesota	34-37
N. 13	@MICHIGAN STATE	56-21
N. 20	@IOWA	21-27

Coach: *Barry Alvarez* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal & White*
Nickname: *Badgers* ***2003 Record:*** *7-5*

Wofford Spartanburg, SC

S. 11	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	35-13
S. 18	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	20-14
S. 25	Johnson C. Smith	
O. 2	Chattanooga	42-14
O. 9	@ELON	45-7
O. 16	Western Carolina	38-6
O. 23	@APPALACHIAN STATE	24-14
O. 30	Citadel	42-16
N. 6	Gardner-Webb	
N. 13	Furman	7-6
N. 20	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	

Coach: *Mike Ayers* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Terriers* ***2003 Record:*** *12-2*

Wyoming Laramie, WY

S. 4	Appalachian State	
S. 11	@TEXAS A&M	
S. 25	Mississippi	
O. 2	Louisiana-Monroe	
O. 9	San Diego State	20-25
O. 16	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	13-10
O. 22	@COLORADO STATE	35-28
O. 30	Air Force	29-35
N. 6	@UNLV	24-35
N. 13	Utah	17-47
N. 20	@NEW MEXICO	3-26

Coach: *Joe Glenn* ***Colors:*** *Brown & Yellow*
Nickname: *Cowboys* ***2003 Record:*** *4-8*

Yale New Haven, CT

S. 18	@DAYTON	
S. 25	@CORNELL	21-7
O. 2	Colgate	40-52
O. 9	@DARTMOUTH	40-17
O. 16	Lehigh	
O. 23	Pennsylvania	31-34 (OT)
O. 30	Columbia	29-14
N. 6	@BROWN	44-55
N. 13	Princeton	27-24 (OT)
N. 20	@HARVARD	19-37

Coach: *Jack Siedlecki* ***Colors:*** *Yale Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* ***2003 Record:*** *6-4*

Youngstown State Youngstown, OH

S. 2	Slippery Rock	45-12
S. 11	Florida International	
S. 18	@MCNEESE STATE	
S. 25	Liberty	34-3
O. 2	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	13-37
O. 9	Southern Illinois	17-24
O. 16	Northern Iowa	9-47
O. 23	@ILLINOIS STATE	25-35
O. 30	Indiana State	30-24 (OT)
N. 6	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	20-54
N. 13	@SMS	34-7

Coach: *Jon Heacock* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Penguins* ***2003 Record:*** *5-7*

2004-05 BOWL SCHEDULE

New Orleans Bowl
Dec. 14, 2004 (New Orleans)
C-USA vs. Sun Belt champion
8 p.m. *ESPN2*

Tangerine Bowl
Dec. 21, 2004 (Orlando)
Big 12 #7 vs. ACC #4/5
7:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Fort Worth Bowl
Dec. 22, 2004 (Fort Worth, Texas)
Big 12 # 8 vs. C-USA #4
6:30 p.m. *ESPN*

GMAC Bowl
Dec. 22, 2004 (Mobile, Ala.)
C-USA #2 vs.
MAC Eastern Division champion
8 p.m. *ESPN2*

Las Vegas Bowl
Dec. 23, 2004 (Las Vegas)
Mountain West #2 vs. Pac-10 #5
9:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Hawaii Bowl
Dec. 24, 2004 (Honolulu)
C-USA #3 vs. WAC
7 p.m. *ESPN*

MPC Computers Bowl
Dec. 27, 2004 (Boise, Idaho)
WAC #1-3 vs. ACC #6
2 p.m. *ESPN*

Motor City Bowl
Dec. 27, 2004 (Detroit)
MAC #1/2 vs. Big 10 #7
5:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Independence Bowl
Dec. 28, 2004 (Shreveport, La.)
Big 12 #5 vs. SEC #6/7
6:30 p.m. *ESPN*

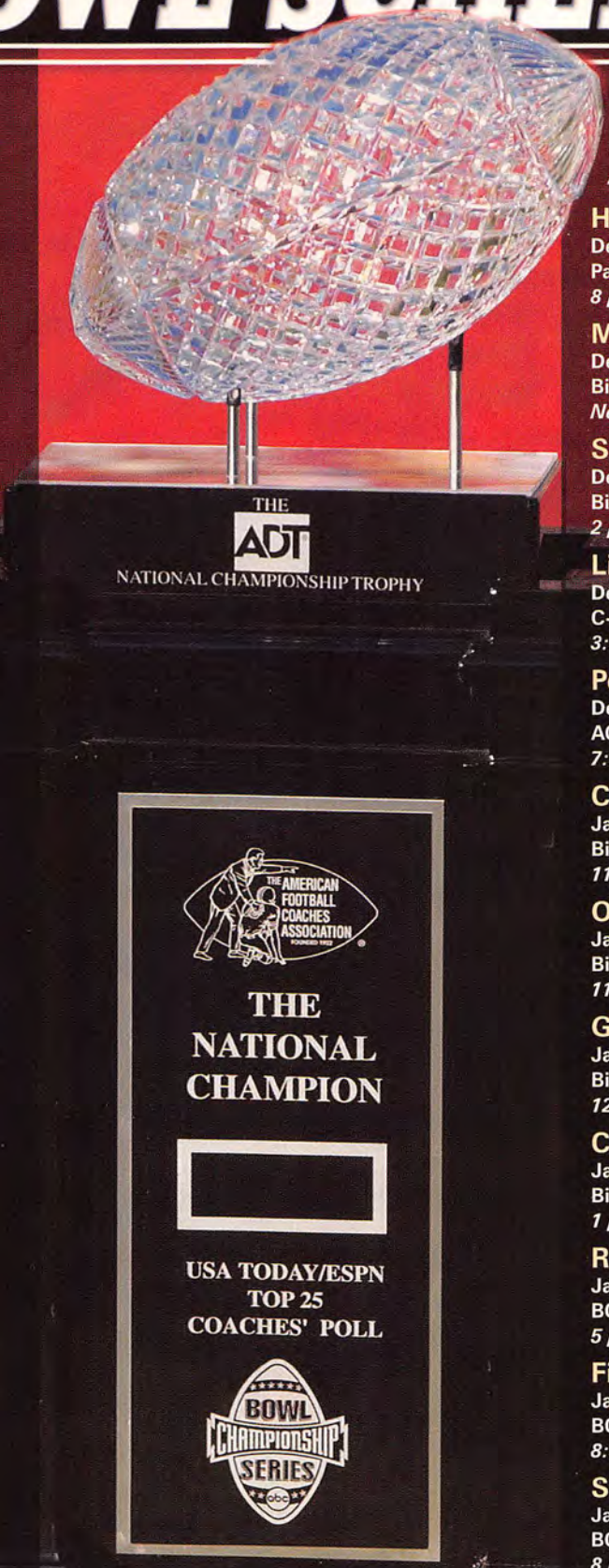
Insight Bowl
Dec. 28, 2004 (Tempe, Ariz.)
Big East #2/3 vs. Pac-10 #4
9:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Alamo Bowl
Dec. 29, 2004 (San Antonio)
Big Ten #4 vs. Big 12 #4
8 p.m. *ESPN*

Silicon Valley Classic
Dec. 29, 2004 (San Jose, Cal.)
WAC vs. ACC
11 p.m. *ESPN2*

Continental Tire Bowl
Dec. 30, 2004 (Charlotte, N.C.)
Big East #3/4 vs. ACC #5
1 p.m. *ESPN*

Houston Bowl
Dec. 30, 2004 (Houston)
Big 12 #5/6 vs. SEC-Western Division
3:30 p.m. *ESPN*



Emerald Bowl
Dec. 30, 2004 (San Francisco)
Pac-10 #6 vs. Mountain West #3
4:30 p.m. *ESPN2*

Holiday Bowl
Dec. 30, 2004 (San Diego)
Pac-10 #2 vs. Big 12 #3
8 p.m. *ESPN*

Music City Bowl
Dec. 31, 2004 (Nashville, Tenn.)
Big Ten #6 vs. SEC #6/7
Noon *ESPN*

Sun Bowl
Dec. 31, 2004 (El Paso, Texas)
Big Ten #5 vs. Pac-10 #3
2 p.m. *CBS*

Liberty Bowl
Dec. 31, 2004 (Memphis)
C-USA #1 vs. Mountain West #1
3:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Peach Bowl
Dec. 31, 2004 (Atlanta)
ACC vs. SEC
7:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Cotton Bowl
Jan. 1, 2005 (Dallas)
Big 12 #2 vs. SEC
11 a.m. *FOX*

Outback Bowl
Jan.1, 2005 (Tampa)
Big Ten #3 vs. SEC #3
11 a.m. *ESPN*

Gator Bowl
Jan. 1, 2005 (Jacksonville, Fla.)
Big East #2 vs. ACC #2
12:30 p.m. *NBC*

Capital One Bowl
Jan. 1, 2005 (Orlando)
Big Ten #2 vs. SEC #2
1 p.m. *ABC*

Rose Bowl
Jan. 1, 2005 (Pasadena, Cal.)
BCS vs. BCS
5 p.m. *ABC*

Fiesta Bowl
Jan. 1, 2005 (Tempe, Ariz.)
BCS vs. BCS
8:30 p.m. *ABC*

Sugar Bowl
Jan. 3, 2005 (New Orleans)
BCS vs. BCS
8 p.m. *ABC*

Orange Bowl
Jan. 4, 2005 (Miami)
BCS #1 vs. BCS #2
National Championship Game
8 p.m. *ABC*

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